

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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MARCH 11 & 12, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

Saturday – 5:00 pm **Sunday** - 8:30 am & 10:45 am

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

1:00 & 7:00 pm

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRIES – THIS SUNDAY, March 12, 12:00-2:00

You are invited to join Pastor Mark in assessing the intergenerational character of Grace, this Sunday from noon-2:00. This is part of Pastor Mark's third leg of his sabbatical with Vibrant Faith. The goal is to develop events or ministries at Grace that effectively deepen faith with the current four month study focused on "Intergenerational Ministries." GenOn Ministries (<http://www.genonministries.org>) has developed a "Visioning Tool" around the belief that intergenerational ministry develops disciples and energizes churches by bringing together any combination of at least two generations in planned and purposeful settings, empowering these generations to mutually invest in each other and in their faith community, and intentionally encouraging Christian relationships among the generations. This Visioning Tool will lead to a brief report summarizing 19 factors of intergenerational ministry at Grace and the implications they have for Grace.

Youth News

- **EYG PLANNING MEETING - THIS SUNDAY, March 12 - 4:00 to 6:00 pm**
Please come and see what EYG is all about! If you think going to Texas, serving others and hanging out with 30,000 teenagers praising God sounds interesting, then please join us! This trip will take place in June of 2018. Pizza will be served.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL Youth Night - Saturday, March 25 - 5:00 pm**
We will attend the church service and have pizza afterward.
- **FAMILY SERVICE TRIPS BY YOUTHWORKS**
Margie (Director of Youth & Young Adults) is currently working on putting together a summer trip for those families that are interested. Date & destination choices need to be made. A mailing will be sent soon and you can also check out the Youth Bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Destination choices are: **Madison** or **Superior** Wisconsin. Dates for Madison June 18 - 21, and June 25 - 28. Dates for Superior include: June 18 - 21, June 22 - 25, and June 25 - 28. Please call Margie at (715) 966-5497, (715) 453-5797 or email 4welkes@gmail.com with questions of preferences.

GARDENING WORKSHOP - THURSDAY MARCH 23 – 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall at Grace Lutheran Church. Our focus will be on Early Blight and Companion Planting The workshop will be put on by Dan Marzu from the Lincoln County UW extension. Refreshments will be provided by the Garden of Giving Ministry.

TWELFTH ANNUAL CHURCH LADIES' DINER-APRIL 8 & 9!

It's almost time for the Church Ladies' Diner at the annual WJHQ Home, Sport and Travel Show. This year's proceeds will go to Lekubu's Creche, Education & More Mission Building, and renovation of Reiff Hall. This has been possible only through the tremendous support of the people of Grace Lutheran Church. It has truly been a team effort. This year, we are again asking for your help. There are many ways to get involved. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area listing specific needs. Thanks so much for your participation in this mission. **Don't forget to come to the Diner to enjoy baked goods, Margie's famous hot beef sandwiches and Al's brats! YUMMY!**

DEEPENING FAITH USING LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM – Wednesdays at 1:00 & 7:00

During these 40 days of Lent each Wednesday Lent worship will use Martin Luther's Catechism. This week Confession of sin is based on the first two of the Ten Commandments, sermon on Luther's emphasis on Baptism, Creed is the explanation to the First Article, and the prayer is Luther's explanation of the second and third petitions of the prayer Jesus taught. Soup is served at 11:30 and 5:30.

VDC GATHERING—Anyone interested in attending please note that we will carpool from the church parking lot for the Saturday night Candlelight service and the Sunday Clausura, March 18th and 19th. We will leave the parking lot at 6:15 pm on Saturday night and 1:00 pm on Sunday. Please call Gail Wilson, (715) 453-5787 with any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Wednesday evening 7:00 PM service on March 29. Our Confirmation students who usually handle this are on spring break. Please call or email the church office to help with this: (715) 453-4066 or dhetzel@gracetomahawk.org

**GRACE VISIT TO GREATER GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Saturday-Sunday - May 6-7 - Milwaukee**

Please contact the Church Office to register your interest. This form is available on our website or stop by the office. Saturday will be activities with Greater Galilee to both experience and also hear their story of faith and life in the central city area of Milwaukee and as an African-American. Sunday we attend Sunday School and Worship at Greater Galilee. This visit is a profound way to experience and be church as we walk together and build relationships across denominations, ethnic groups, and geographic locations. Greater Galilee is a member of the National Baptist Convention and American Baptist Churches USA

THE SHACK

There are several copies of this book in the Gathering Area. If you would like to purchase one please place your money in the envelope tucked inside each book. You can either drop it in the offering plate or bring it to the office. Cost is \$7.50 each. We have been told by the Tomahawk Cinema that the movie will be coming to Tomahawk but at this time they do not have an exact date.

LENTEN SOUP MEALS

Would you enjoy a warm bowl of soup and friendly conversation? Grace Lutheran has the best chefs in town and will be serving tasty soup meals prior to the midweek church service. Please join us at 11:30 am or 5:30 pm. All are welcome. Bring a friend! **Kitchen workers**, please plan to stay until cleanup is completed – many hands make the work go faster so everyone can attend the church service.

The Fellowship Committee

SPEICAL OFFERING FOR MARCH—The special offering for March is for the campership fund for ALL Grace youth in grades 1-8 to attend **Crossways' Waypost Camp July 9-14**. Many claim a week at Bible Camp as the greatest faith experience in their life and many others as the best week of summer. Prayer partners, consider sponsoring your partner. Designate your gift in his/her name. Adults, please think of the future generation of the church and support the youth who will experience what you loved so much as a child!

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2017

	Jan. 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$26,697	\$31,357	(\$4,660)	\$27,026	(\$329)
Building Fund	<u>\$5,630</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>\$554</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>\$554</u>
Total	\$32,327	\$36,433	\$4,106	\$32,102	\$225
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<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
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Weekly

Financial News:

General Fund: \$4,686.00 Lent: \$721.00 Noisy Collection: \$49.47
Sunday Attendance: 208 Wednesday Attendance: 112

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— In the church service, the offering is an important part of our worship of God. In our offering we are giving to the Lord through the church. God is honored when we faithfully and cheerfully give to Him, and it is pleasing to God when we give out of gratitude for Who He is and what He has done and continues to do. Because our money represents our God-given time, inspiration, energy, and perspiration, we are giving, in reality, ourselves. It is as if we are putting ourselves into the offering plate.

ATTENTION Thrivent Account Holders!

If you own a Thrivent account/product you are most likely entitled to Thrivent Choice Dollars. This means you can designate your Choice Dollars to Grace Lutheran or any other registered organization. You may do this online when you log into your Thrivent account or you can call 1-800-847-4836. There is a deadline of March 31st to designate your Dollars. Other registered organizations are: Our Sisters' House, Lincoln Humane Society, and more. Just ask the operator to read them to you. **If you choose Grace Lutheran as the recipient of your Dollars** and you would like your Dollars to go to a specific ministry, you must call the church office: **1)** the amount of your Dollars

2) the ministry you would like your Dollars to go to.

When we receive the Dollars from Thrivent, it is a lump sum; it is not an itemized list.