

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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MARCH 25 & 26, 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

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of Jason Weiland who died on Wednesday. Jason is the nephew of Rick (Deanna) Day. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

ATTENTION ORGANISTS AND PIANISTS!

Grace Lutheran Church is looking for a few good keyboardists to fill in part time for our regular organists and piano players during worship services. Experienced accompanists would be preferred although we would be willing to train the right person. We offer a very competitive musician wage scale. Contact Marcia Sattelberg, (715) 453-8195, if interested.

SOUP HELP NEEDED! Please consider signing up to bring soup and other food/supply items are needed for the remaining soup luncheons. See the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. **THANK YOU!**

Youth News

• **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.

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

It's almost time for the Church Ladies' Diner at the annual WJJQ 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!**

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.

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

CONGREGATION RETREAT – APRIL 22, 9:00-1:00, lunch included

Our synod office will lead this retreat for ages 10-100. A wide variety of ages are needed for identifying the assets that Grace and the Tomahawk area have. The outcome of this retreat is to more clearly discern the unique gifts we have as individuals, Grace, and Tomahawk for us to best serve our neighbors, witness to God's love, and deepen the bonds of our community.

MINISTRY FAIR – APRIL 29/30 – Stay tuned for details!

GRACE VISIT TO GREATER GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday-Sunday - May 6-7 - Milwaukee

Please contact the Church Office to register your interest. 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 experience 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.

IF IT’S WEDNESDAY, IT’S SOUP DAY!!!

If you have been joining us every Wednesday for lunch at 11:30 or supper at 5:30, we thank you. If you have not, please plan on joining us this Wednesday for a bowl (or two) of delicious soup made by the best chefs in town, members of Grace. Invite a friend and mark your calendars. Hope to see you this week.
The Fellowship Committee

SPECIAL 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

	Feb. 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
JANUARY	Receipts	Budget	vs BUDGET	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$27,513	\$31,357	(\$3,844)	\$25,528	\$1,985
Building Fund	\$4,684	\$5,076	(\$392)	\$5,076	(\$392)
Total	\$32,197	\$36,433	(\$4,236)	\$30,604	\$1,593
		YTD		YTD	YTD
YEAR-TO-DATE	Receipts	Needed for	DIFFERENCE	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
		Budget		SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$54,210	\$62,715	(\$8,505)	\$52,554	\$1,656
Building Fund	\$10,314	\$10,152	\$162	\$10,512	\$162
Total	\$64,524	\$72,866	(\$8,342)	\$62,706	\$1,818

Weekly

Financial News:

General Fund: \$3,800.00 Lent: \$210.00 Noisy Collection: \$54.39
 Sunday Attendance: 217 Wednesday Attendance: 89

STEWARDSHIP CORNER—The account of the brothers Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:3-5) exemplifies how giving or lack thereof reveals what is in the heart. Abel raised animals while Cain worked the soil and harvested grain. Abel loved the Lord and, in faith, gave Him the firstfruits of his flock. However, Cain, lacking faith, merely gave some of the harvest. The Lord honored Abel’s offering because it was given in faith, but He was not pleased with Cain’s offering. As we examine our giving, we should ask ourselves whether God is getting our best or just our leftovers. Is our giving a proper response to God’s love for us? As we read and meditate on His Word and participate in the Sacraments, God changes our hearts so that we are willing to give Him our best.

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.