

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

MARCH 4 & 5, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

THANK YOU CORKY & THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Abundant thanks to Corky Buralow for painting the Copier Room and Wendy's office. Both look fantastic! Thank you also to Bill Buralow (Corky's assistant) for his help. A Thrivent Financial Action card was used to help with this project and the church office that was done a few months ago. We are blessed and thankful.

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

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.

Youth News

- **GRACE WEEK AT WAYPOST—JULY 9-14, 2017** Don't wait, register as soon as possible. If you register your child/children by March 10 you will receive a discount. All families should have received information in their mail regarding registration and cost. Please read it carefully. **Registration has changed from last year.** If you did not receive information in the mail, look for the green sheet (with envelope attached) in the Gathering Area under the Youth bulletin board. Questions, please contact Patti Gaedtke at (715) 612-2000 or Patti@gracetomahawk.org. **March 10 is the discount deadline.**
- **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 WJQ 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!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRIES – Sunday, March 12, 12:00-2:00

You are invited to join Pastor Mark in assessing the intergenerational character of Grace, next Sunday from noon-2:00. This is part of Pastor Mark's third leg of his sabbatical with Vibrant Faith University. 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. Please RSVP to the Church Office so that food can be provided or to see the tool in advance. This Visioning Tool will lead to a brief report summarizing 19 factors of intergenerational ministry at Grace and the implications they have for our church community.

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 1-800-547-4836. 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.

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

	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

	YTD	Needed for	DIFFERENCE	YTD	YTD
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
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Weekly

Financial News:

General Fund: \$7,562.00 Noisy Collection: \$47.89 Attendance: 258

STEWARDSHIP CORNER—When we give God our thanks for all His blessings, we honor Him. *“The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice honors Me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God”* (Psalm 50:23). Our chief end is to glorify God. In addition to glorifying God through our thanksgiving, we are to called to order our ways rightly which encourages us to go and bear fruit with our God-given faith. We honor God through both our thanksgiving and the fruitful lives that we live. Someone said, “Thanksgiving is good, but thanks-living is better.”

DOWN AND OUT: MEMOIRS OF A HOMELESS BISHOP

Bishop GERALYN WOLF was only the second woman in U.S. Episcopal Church history to be ordained a bishop. She was also the first bishop to let her hair down (literally), lose the trappings of comfort and security and be homeless for a month – on the streets of Providence, Rhode Island. Find out why she did it and how it changed her at the first Veninga Lecture on Religion and Society of 2017: Tuesday, March 21 7 pm, free and open to the public at the James F. Veninga Theater, UW Center for Civic Engagement, 625 Stewart Avenue, Wausau

FOOD SECURITY IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Join a conversation on access to all people, at all times, to enough food for an active, healthy life. Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 8:30-11:00 AM at Tomahawk’s Ministry Health Sacred Heart Hospital in the Spruce Room. Art Lersch, UW Extension, is the facilitator and presentation will be by Glenda Kummerow and Carl Jackson from Lincoln County Economic Support. Continental breakfast will be served, RSVP by March 13 to 715-539-1360 or shersil@co.lincoln.wi.us

GRACE VISIT TO GREATER GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday-Sunday - May 6-7 - Milwaukee

Please contact the Church Office to register your interest. In order for this event to take place **we need a lead contact person or persons ASAP** for finalizing the details for overnight, transportation, and activities. Contact person(s) must fill out the Event/Fundraising form. 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