

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

March 5 & 6, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday - 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Soup Meals on Wednesday in Lent: 11:30 & 5:30 pm

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00am -3:30 pm, Fri. 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

STONE SOUP – THANK YOU TO ALL – SOUP STILL AVAILABLE

Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped serve soup and to all those who came to enjoy “Stone Soup!” Special thanks to our “Soup Chairs” CheyAnne & Brian Michael for leading this event, and to John Kromm (Ben Franklin) for donating the helium balloons. To date over \$800.00 has been raised to provide milk for those children at Tomahawk Elementary School who have to go without milk at snack time. **GOOD NEWS---** if you were not able to attend the Stone Soup event you can still help. We have soup available to purchase in the freezer in the kitchen. You may help yourself and leave a free will offering.

THANK YOU to all who attended the Congregation Retreat on Saturday!

COMPANION BREAKFAST – THIS SUNDAY – BETWEEN SERVICES!!!

Please join us between services, this Sunday, for a very tasty breakfast. **The OWLS and Reunion Hikers** (we heard they are awesome cooks), are sponsoring this event. There is no charge for the breakfast; a free will offering will be taken. All monies will help defray the cost of transportation for the trip this summer.

40 DAYS OF GIVING – ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Nearly half way through our 40 Days of Giving – ELCA World Hunger campaign, we have surpassed our \$2,000 goal! How wonderful! With last week’s offering from the Sunday School of \$118.91 and \$115.57 from our GLOW/Confirmation youth, our congregation’s total is now \$2,350.56!

With 3 more weeks to Easter (the end of the 40 Days of Giving campaign), you can still contribute to this valuable cause. So if you haven’t yet, or you want to give again, you can use the World Hunger envelopes in the pews. Copies of the green insert showing Good Gift options are on the table near the entrance.

Thanks to all for answering the call as we Fight Hunger Together!

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP THEMES - Claimed-Gathered-Sent

True “repentance” deepens our soul, trust in God and love for others. Our Presiding Bishop is calling our ELCA to repentance and deeper focus on God’s mission.

Wednesday themes as we consider God’s call repentance and God’s mission:

March 9 We are church for the sake of the world

March 16 We are global and ecumenical.

IF IT IS WEDNESDAY – IT IS 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 of soup or two. The soup is made by members of Grace – the best soup in town! Invite a friend and mark your calendars. Hope to see you this week. *The Fellowship Committee*

FIFTH GRADE SEDER MEAL – SUNDAY, MARCH 13, AT 5:00 PM

This milestone for all 5th graders. The purposes are to deepen the meaning of Holy Communion; initiate parents and youth together as the purpose of Grace’s ministry; and begin or assist with the transition into Middle School and the teenage years. This is a very formal and meaningful meal and event with all the symbolic food of a Seder provided

YOUTH NIGHT – SATURDAY, MARCH 12 - 6-10:00 PM

Please note that the date in the newsletter was not correct. The date has been changed to March 12. Youth Night will consist of: planning for future youth events, games and/or movies. Come and share what you would like to do for future events, service trips, and youth nights. If you can't come, call or text Margie (715) 966-5497 with your ideas.

ATTENTION CHILDREN AND YOUTH – GRACE WEEK AT WAYPOST DEADLINE – MARCH 13

This month’s special offering is for the Camp Scholarship Fund. This fund significantly reduces the cost of camp. Don’t forget send in your registration for Grace Week at Waypost Camp by March 13! After March 13 you will pay \$60 to \$100 more. **Grace Week is July 10-15** with three day programs for younger children. Please refer to the information you received in the mail, or you can find registration forms in the Gathering Area or on our web site.

CHURCH LADIES DINER CORRECT DATES – APRIL 9 & 10

Please be advised that the Church Diner dates in the newsletter are not correct. April 9 & 10 are the correct dates. We apologize for the error.

COMMUNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL to be held in the Nicolet College Theater on Sunday March 13, at 2:00 pm in Rhinelander. Admission is free. The Rhinelander Community Band, Nicolet Male Chorus, Nicolet Choraliers, Hymns and Hys, and the Lakeland Barbershoppers will perform. Well known and famous **Kevin Wickstrom and Pastor Check** will be heard on center stage.

SERVANTSHIP & FELLOWSHIP – Please join Grace in these two top identified priorities for 2016:

1. Congregation Service Trip – June 19-22 in Duluth.

There are twenty spots available. An alternate date is June 23rd to June 26th with fifty available spots if the June 19-22 dates are filled. **We need to know as soon as possible** if you are interested in order to get our registrations in. The cost is \$129 per person. This could be less because funds are available for the 6th thru 12th and college students, from the Memory Tree. A \$25 down payment is required by March 1st to save your spot. We encourage families to join us in this faith formation mission trip. Time of departure and return will be determined by the group going. For more information, you can check out the youth works site at www.youthworks.com or call Margie Welke (715) 453-5797 or (715) 966-5497.

This trip features:

- Flexible schedules and supportive staff.
- Interactive devotionals tailored to families.
- Hands-on service that kids and adults can do side by side.
- A meaningful context for families to talk about faith together

2. Congregation Fellowship Trip – July 22-31 to Christikon Bible Camp and the

Absaroka/Beartooth Wilderness in southern Montana. Forty plus are signed up at Christikon Bible Camp, 9th Graders and Parents, or the cross+generational group in the backcountry. Contact Pastor Check, Sandy Wick or Lisa Elliott respectively or church office. This is an amazing experience for faith, fellowship, and reflection. Departing Friday, July 22 at 5:00 PM from Grace and Sat, July 30 ~8:00 AM from Christikon.

AMAZING TREASURES - JEWELRY / TACKLE COLLECTION/SALE

The congregational and wilderness groups have teamed up and will be doing a fun, new fundraiser this year which will help offset the cost of the bus to Montana in July. How **can you** get involved? Look through your jewelry and fishing tackle boxes. If there are pieces that you don't use anymore, place them in zip lock bags and deposit the bags in the box labeled jewelry or tackle in the Gathering Area. **April 23-24 and April 30-May 1 weekends**, we will display everything and have one big sale at incredibly low prices. **More details to come at a later date on this.** There are sure to be some amazing treasures for everyone! Thanks for your support!

MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING - CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The special offering for March is for the campership fund for ALL Grace youth in grades 1-12 to attend Crossways' Waypost Camp July 11-15. 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 2016	Needed for Monthly Budget	January 2016 Receipts
General Fund	28,817.07	28,862.55
Building Fund	5,977.89	5,520.35
Total	34,794.96	34,382.90

Weekly Financial News

General Fund: \$6,707.00
 Noisy Collection: \$39.49
 Attendance: 195
 Lent Attendance: 112
 Lent Offering: \$205.00

Tomahawk Food Pantry needs:

- Pancake Mix
 - Tomato soup
 - Beef Stew (*in a can*)
 - Cooking Oil
 - Sugar
 - Spam
- Drop off anytime in the box in the Gathering Space.

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.”

COMMUNITY EASTER DINNER – MARCH 27 – RODEWAY INN & SUITES BAUQUET HALL

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Tomahawk invites you to join them for Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday, March 27 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. A robust meal of ham, potatoes, coleslaw, corn, rolls and yummy desserts will be served. Home deliveries are available for shut-ins or people with disabilities. Please call 715 453-5391 to request home delivery.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering for Meals on Wheels. Not only does Meals on Wheels provide a hot meal to folks in the Tomahawk area, YOU can provide a friendly smile with every meal. Meals are delivered Monday-Friday. Please call the Aging and Disability Resource Center at (715) 536-0311 or visit their web site:

www.adrc-cw.com

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS – 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 other any 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.

