

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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**MAY 13 & 14, 2017**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (through Memorial Day)

**Sat.** – 5:00 pm    **Sun.** - 8:30 am & 10:45 am

**WELCOME PASTOR NANCY RICHMOND!** Pastor Nancy will be leading worship at all services this weekend. Pastor Ziemer is on a well-deserved vacation.

**FLOWERS TODAY** are from Julie & Jim Dentler in memory of their mothers, Terry Way and Mary Dentler.

## **ATTENTION QUILT MAKERS!**

If you are planning on making a quilt (or if you are interested in sewing one) for one of the graduates, **please call Margie Welke** (715) 966-5497 or (715) 453-5797 and let her know. We have eighteen graduates and want to make sure that every grad receives one. These quilts are very meaningful and most have accompanied the graduates to college, armed forces, etc.

## **GARDENING WORKSHOP MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – 6:00 PM – FELLOWSHIP HALL**

This Workshop will address Soil Prep testing and Soil amendments. We will also be talking about soil testing. This workshop is sponsored by the UW Extension and the Garden Of Giving Ministry.

## **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE – MAY 21 at 10:45 AM**

Grace Lutheran will honor graduates next Sunday at the 10:45 service.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION – NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 21,**

May 21, 2017 Grace Lutheran Sunday School will be wrapping up our 2016-2017 year with a celebration. The Sunday School team and children invite you to join us between services, 9:40-10:40, in this celebration of learning and sharing God's love. Come join in the fun!

## **GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST – JUNE 4**

If you would like to purchase a geranium for Pentecost in recognition of your desire and need for the Holy Spirit to empower you in your life and ministry, you will find pink the order forms in the Gathering Area.

## **SAVE THE DATE – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 31 to AUGUST 4**

Grace Lutheran Church will again be partnering with United Methodist Church to bring VBS to children. This five days of faith-filled fun is available to *all* children age 3.5\* *through* having completed Grade 5.

*\*Three-year-old children* **Registration forms will be available May 21.**

## **SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP PLANNING & VOLUNTEERS**

Summer Outdoor Worship begins on May 28<sup>th</sup>! We will have begun scheduling outdoor worship volunteers. 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 greatly appreciated at any of the outdoor services. To volunteer, sign-up on the poster in the gathering space, or contact the church office (715) 453-4066 or Lisa Elliott (715) 551-7444. Thank you!

**IF YOU MISSED THE MINISTRY FAIR,** you can find brochures from the different ministries on a table right outside the Sanctuary. We will eventually move these to the hallway by the Copier Room where they will be in a marked display.

**KEYBOARDIST WANTED**

Grace Lutheran is still seeking a keyboardist 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. Please call the church office, (715) 453-4066 if you are interested or have questions.

**BEN'S BLOOMERS & CERNY'S GIFT CARDS** will be available this weekend from the 2017 Wilderness Group. Spring is here! It's time to start thinking "GARDEN."

**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.

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MAY – KINSHIP OF TOMAHAWK**

Kinship of Tomahawk is a non-profit youth mentoring organization that has been matching children ages five to eighteen with adult role models (individuals, couples, or families) for nearly eighteen years. Kinship currently has forty-one children matched with mentors and twenty-five children still on the waiting list. You learn more about Kinship in the May newsletter.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE  
2017

	APRIL 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS vs BUDGET	ACTUAL SPENDING	RECEIPTS vs SPENDING
APRIL	Receipts	Budget			
General Fund	\$35,172	\$31,357	\$3,815	\$30,930	\$4,242
Building Fund	\$5,037	\$5,076	(\$39)	\$5,076	(\$39)
Total	\$40,209	\$36,433	\$3,776)	\$36,006	\$4,203
		YTD		YTD	YTD
	YTD	Needed for		ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
YEAR-TO- DATE	Receipts	Budget	DIFFERENCE	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$114,767	\$125,429	(\$10,662)	\$112,210	\$2,557
Building Fund	\$20,068	\$20,303	(\$235)	\$20,303	(\$235)
Total	\$134,835	\$145,732	(\$10,897)	\$132,513	\$2,322

**Weekly Financial News:**

General Fund: \$7,505 Noisy Collection: \$72.50 Sunday Attendance: 281

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**—Did you know that we are Christ's letters? *"You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts"* (2 Corinthians 3:2-3). Yes, we are Christ's letter to anyone who comes into contact with us. We must demonstrate the joyful and joy-bringing life of the committed Christian. This is quite a responsibility. Christians suffer from the same frailties that affect others. We can be petty, irritable, and even nasty. Nevertheless, we cannot excuse ourselves from our responsibility. We are the first, and often the only, letter that many will read from Christ.