

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

MAY 20 & 21, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION – MONDAY, MAY 22, FROM NOON-3:00PM

Developing a comprehensive plan for family faith formation at Grace for families with children will be the topic of the live presentation on Monday from noon-3:00. You are welcome to join. For planning, it helps if you phone the church office (715) 456-4066 in advance.

SUMMER STUDY ON GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Most of us long to spend more time in prayer and scripture. We'd love to learn to do that with greater comfort, understanding and commitment. Here's how – join Grace's Summer Study! There are no restrictions on who participates – age, membership, knowledge, background does not matter. Four things are important to make this experience work well: 1) form a small group of 2-4 people, 2) keep it to 45 minutes, 3) use the bookmark to guide you, 4) contact the Church Office with questions or help on finding people or the procedure. You can find the bright green bookmarks in the Gathering Area.

LASAGNA & DESSERT WINNERS

The 2017 Wilderness Group would like to thank all who participated in the Lasagna & Dessert Cook Off. We appreciate all who cooked, baked and ate with us. Thank you to the judges: Corey Coburn, Billy Eastwood, Claudia Osero, James Kincaid, and Brandon Biever! We know it was a tough job to do and you all did great. Cook Off winners were: Lasagna 1st Darlene Henning, 2nd Heidi Lemmer, and the People's Choice was Halle Derleth. Dessert winners: 1st Darlene Henning, 2nd Sue Loka, and People Choice was Marissa Scott. An estimated 94 people attended the Cook Off Dinner! **Start going through your cookbooks and get ready for next year.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION – THIS SUNDAY

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!

CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES! See the special insert in this bulletin.

GARDEN WORK NIGHT – THIS SUNDAY – MAY 21 – 3:00 PM

We will be putting up the fence and planting cold crops. All help is appreciated. Food will be provided. Rain date will be Monday, May 29 at 3:00 pm.

GARDEN WITH GRACE - JUNE 7 - 6:30PM

Help celebrate the last day of school on Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30 by joining us at "Garden with Grace." Everyone is invited for this cross generation event, which includes reflection, meditation and fellowship around our community garden. More details to come.

GREATER GALILEE TRIP REPORT

Eighteen members of Grace enjoyed a weekend full of discussion, faith and fellowship recently at Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Milwaukee. Upon arrival, we all helped serve a luncheon meal to area residents and then put together more than 90 toiletry bags for the Guest House. A big thank you to all who donated items - our boxes were overflowing with needed items!

A note received from the Guest House, said, "thank you so, so, so much for helping coordinate, collect and assemble all of the hygiene kits that were donated ... I am truly amazed at the generosity of Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church of Milwaukee and Grace Lutheran Church of Tomahawk in donating so many essential items to the men in shelter. These items will certainly be put to good use, and your donation is much appreciated by the men."

Children from both churches practiced and performed three songs at the church service on Sunday morning while adults had several meaningful facilitated discussions on the issue of race, white privilege and how to find common ground in faith. We hope to have members of Greater Galilee join us here in Tomahawk to continue to build our relationships. Stay tuned for more details!

RECEIPTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS—I have been advised by the audit committee to follow the ELCA recommendations regarding reimbursement for charges made on behalf of the church or to an individual for purchases made for church. Going forward our policy will be **"no receipts, no reimbursements/payments."** Please keep this in mind if you have made a purchase you want to be reimbursed for or have charged items on behalf of Grace. I have brown envelopes in my mailbox for the receipts. Please make sure to write you name, amount to reimbursed/paid and what committee/group should be charged and place in my mailbox in a timely manner. **There is a list of these groups on the wall in Copier Room.** Thank you. *Shirley Derleth*, Treasurer

GRACE LUTHERAN MINISTRY BROCHURES can be found in a rack in the hallway by the Copier Room. Please help yourself to more info on any particular ministry and direct others who may have questions or interest to seek it out.

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 28th! 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!

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP - AUGUST 19-27, 2017 - HOUSE FOR CHRISTINA

This is an awesome service trip that has been in the making for over two years. Grace has been very supportive of Education and More through donations, Church Ladies Diner, and prayer. There are still two spots open for anyone interested in going. Also, you may see Christina’s story by googling “Education & More.” Any questions call Al Overhaug (715) 612-1111. Monetary donations are welcome.

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.

* **Kinship of Tomahawk** is sponsoring a vendor/**craft event and bake sale at SARA Park on Sunday, May 21st from 10am-3pm.** Please come join us for a fun day of shopping to support local small businesses and Kinship of Tomahawk. Raffles and concession stands will also be available.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2017

APRIL	APRIL 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
APRIL	Receipts	Budget	vs BUDGET	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$35,172	\$31,357	\$3,815	\$30,930	\$4,242
Building Fund	<u>\$5,037</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	(\$39)	<u>\$5,076</u>	(\$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	<u>\$20,068</u>	<u>\$20,303</u>	(\$235)	<u>\$20,303</u>	(\$235)
Total	\$134,835	\$145,732	(\$10,897)	\$132,513	\$2,322

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$5,782.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$67.70
<u>Attendance</u> 248

STEWARDSHIP

CORNER— Jesus said that He came “*not to be served but to serve*” (Matthew 20:28). As a servant to others, Christ showed God’s goodness. Jesus did not take on merely the outward form of a servant; Jesus’ whole being was that of a servant. His purpose in coming to earth was to serve, the ultimate act of service being His work on the cross. In contrast, we by nature are self-focused and not inclined to see, much less seek, opportunities to serve others. By grace, through the indwelling and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we can become servants. Jesus wants us to be His hands, feet, and mouth in service to others. He wants us to be His instruments through whom He proclaims the life-saving Gospel.

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.



PURSES, JEWELRY, AND SCARVES—OH MY!

Do you have purses, jewelry, and scarves that are in excellent condition, but you just don't wear them anymore? **BRING THEM TO GRACE!** We are planning to open the ***Grace Boutique*** for two days in late August. Watch for the receptacles outside the church office to place your purse, scarf, and jewelry donations in. **ALSO**, we will feature summer purses (for free will donations) until all of our "summer stash" is gone. More details on ***Grace Boutique*** to come.

FORMS HELP US COORDINATE CALENDARS & EVENTS

If you are planning an event or fundraiser or would like to reserve a room in the church for a gathering or meeting, you **NEED** to fill out the appropriate form. **These forms are critical** to coordinating events for fundraising and building use. **Your event or space reservation will not appear on our calendar until the Event/Fundraiser Form or Building Use Agreement has been completely filled out and returned.**