

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

May 21 & 22, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of Wallace “Red” Wurl who died May 15. Red was husband of Darlene. His funeral was Thursday, May 19. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of Delmore Lange who died May 16. Delmore was the brother of Everett (Helen) Lange, and brother of Marcie Schmit. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Dan Hanke – UW Whitewater

Steven Renn – UW Stout

Abby Leonhard – UW Stout

Colynn Behling – UW Stevens Point

Jacey Teal – UW Eau Claire

Drew von Schrader – UW Marathon

Chloe Lemmer – Madison Area Technical College - Nursing

Andrew Harper

Marlena Schlegel – University of Minnesota

Alexandra Bellile

COFFEE & DONUTS WITH DAR – Tuesday, May 24 – 8:30 am to 12:00 noon



You are invited to stop by Grace on Tuesday, May 24, anytime between 8:30 am and noon to give Dar Anderson, our wonderful custodian of 23 years a hug and to enjoy coffee and treats with her. Dar is retiring due to health reasons. If you cannot attend and would like to send a card, you may mail or bring it to the church office. We will give them to her on the 24th.

THANK YOU Grace Lutheran family for the very thoughtful gift bag to welcome us to Grace! We were especially touched by the framed “Welcome to the Family” song. We are so happy to be part of Grace.
Don & Deb Narloch

SILENT QUILT AUCTION – NEW QUILT!!

The 58” x 75” quilt in the Gathering Space has been “finished” by the Tuesday morning quilters. The material was donated by the family of Doris Collins. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of an automatic door opener at Grace Lutheran. Please write your bid on the sheet provided.

LAST SUMMER'S ACTS BIBLE STUDY GROUPS - Please let us know who you are! We are making plans for a new Bible study this summer, but we want to expand the fun! Sign-up on the sheet in the Gathering Space and include everyone who was in your group. **PLUS** if you weren't part of a group, but would like to join one this year, please add your name to the "new" column. Or you may call the church office. We will be sharing more information with everyone soon. Thanks!

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

We have begun scheduling outdoor worship volunteer. 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 appreciated at any of the outdoor services. To volunteer, contact the church office (715)-453-4066 or Lisa Elliott(715) 551-7444. **You may also sign-up on the poster in the gathering space.**

RUTH CIRCLE will meet Thursday, May 26 at 9:30 am at Grace Lutheran. Peggy Price will be the hostess.

RUTH CIRCLE is again assembling Fabric Kits for Lutheran World Relief. This year the requirements are: three yard pieces of cotton fabric or cotton blend fabric, and 250-300 yards of matching thread. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them in the labeled box outside the office door.

AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENERS

The PPPP Guys want to pursue installing automatic door openers at the entrance to the church. We need about \$1,400 more to complete the funding for this project. If you're interested in supporting this, please designate your offering to "Door Opener". We thank you for your support!

PEOPLE OF GRACE—Do you look at the box in the bulletin regarding our financial picture? If you do, you will notice that giving is falling behind the monies needed to keep our budget balanced. Heading into summer, this is not a desirable position. Is your pledge up to date?

MAY SPECIAL OFFERING - PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

As the title suggests, this fund is used for a large variety of needs and causes as determined by Pastor Mark. Some of these are unique needs of people which the Salvation Army cannot fulfill, such as gas money. Grace promises that money is never a reason to prevent a child or youth from attending a life-impacting or faith-building event, and this is the backup source. Occasionally a ministry, event, or activity comes up which was not planned at the budgeting time and yet is very valuable and timely to do. Since Pastor Mark designates all his honorariums received for funerals and weddings into this fund, he uses it to show appreciation and thanks to the staff and to fund special causes beyond Grace, such as Wartburg Seminary. In examining various needs, the Stewardship Committee decided it was time to lift up the value and need for this fund. Occasionally, people have designated gifts for this fund, but there has been no special offering for it fund since 2006.

BEN'S BLOOMERS/CERNY'S GIFT CARDS are available after 5:00 pm service on Saturday and between services on Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— As faithful stewards, we acknowledge our responsibility and the opportunity to serve and honor God with our lives and blessings. Jesus shared the secret of living the fruitful life: *"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it"* (Luke 9:23-24). It is only by giving ourselves in complete service to the Savior that we can find our true places in life and fill them.

Our Financial Picture 2016	Needed for Monthly Budget	April 2016 Receipts	<u>Difference</u>	Weekly Financial News General Fund: \$5,600.63 Noisy Collection: \$54.80 Attendance: 274
General Fund	30,858.21	23,417.76	(7,440.45)	
Building Fund	5,977.89	5,124.06	(853.83)	
Total	36,836.10	28,541.82	(8,294.24)	
Year – To - Date	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016	<u>Difference</u>	
General Fund	123,432.82	108,041.61	(\$15,391.21)	
Building Fund	23,911.56	20,135.41	(\$3,776.15)	
Total	147,344.38	128,177.02	(\$19,167.36)	

For more information or details on the Financial Report, please contact Sherry Clements, Financial Reporter.

SNOWBIRD OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have returned to Tomahawk after being gone for the winter and have not received your offering envelopes please visit or call the church office (715) 453-4066. Thank you.

