

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

MAY 27 & 28, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

Sat. – 5:00 pm Sun. - 8:30 am - 10:00 am @ Schaefer Wharf

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.

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. See the insert in this bulletin.

FAMILY SERVICE TRIP - June 25 to 28, 2017

You and your family are invited to join us on a family service trip to Superior WI. We will be leaving at 1:00 pm on June 25th and return in the early afternoon on the 28th. More information is available on the table in Gathering Area by Youth Bulletin Board. Youth in grades 9 and up do not need a parent to attend with them. If you are interested and would like more details contact Margie Welke at 4welkes@gmail.com or (715) 966-5497. **Registration deadline is June 14, 2017.** The cost of trip for youth will be \$64, adults \$129. This includes food, lodging and transportation. **A planning meeting will take place on Monday, May 29 at 3:00 pm.**

EYG 2018– Join Us!

Grace Lutheran is gearing up for the 2018 Evangelical Youth Gathering next summer. **A planning meeting will be held on June 8 at 6:00pm.** Bring your questions and learn more about EYG. Talk with Margie for more details, (715) 966-5497.

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 are available on our web site:

www.gracelutherantomahawk.org and in the Gathering Area.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP PLANNING & VOLUNTEERS

Summer Outdoor Worship has begun! 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!

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 purses, scarves, 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.

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.

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

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	<i>Needed for</i>	<i>RECEIPTS</i>	ACTUAL	<i>RECEIPTS</i>
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
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
		<i>YTD</i>		<i>YTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
	<i>YTD</i>	<i>Needed for</i>		<i>ACTUAL</i>	<i>RECEIPTS</i>
<u>YEAR-TO-</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
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
<u>General Fund</u> \$3,783.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$65.78
<u>Attendance</u> 332

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.

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.**

This space for Servant Schedule