

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

MAY 6 & 7, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY!

- **Amaia & Asher Kriese**, are the children of Daniel & Amanda (Charles) Kriese. Amaia's sponsors are Melissa & Cory Davis and Ashton & Erik Stegemann. Asher's sponsors are Derek & Kim Pitterle and Ashton & Erick Stegemann. Amaia and Asher will be baptized at the 5:00 pm service this weekend.
- **Rayna Joan Swan**, is the daughter of Justin & Denise Swan. Rayna's sponsors are Deane Bannenberg and Rebecca Bannenberg. She will be baptized at the 10:45 am service this weekend.

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.

CONFIRMATION NEWS & INVITATION

Wednesday, May 10 is our last day of Confirmation for this school year. **We would like to invite the congregation to join us for popcorn and the Luther movie!** This is a 2-hour-long movie and will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

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.

THANK YOU GRACE

Grace was asked to bring 45 of each of five items. BUT you sent twenty people from Grace to Milwaukee with 95 Deodorants, 60 Body Wash, 102, nail clippers, 267 combs and 371 razors plus, thanks to a Thrivent Action \$250 worth of additional items! The weekend will be spent putting together kits for The Guest House with Greater Galilee, the youth of Grace and Greater Galilee delivering them while adults engage in conversation, a tour and introduction with Pastor Sherrie Nelson Lorbeck of her church's ministry, and worshipping with Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday.

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!

GARDENING WORKSHOP MAY 18TH – 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.

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."

THE GREAT LASAGNA & DESSERT COOK OFF & DINNER— MAY 12

See the insert in this bulletin for more information on entering the cook off. **If you would like to purchase tickets to dinner** (after the judging – *see if the judges got it right* :) they will be available before and after services or in the church office. Cost \$5 per person, children under four are free.

WE NEED YOU!

The Handbell Choir needs ringers for practices on May 10, and 17 at 6:00 PM. We will play for services on May 21. This is a short-term commitment. Give us a try! Call Carol at (715) 453-1954.

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

	Mar. 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
MARCH	Receipts	Budget	vs BUDGET	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$25,385	\$31,357	(\$5,972)	\$33,801	(\$8,416)
Building Fund	<u>\$4,717</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$359)</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$359)</u>
Total	\$30,102	\$36,433	(\$6,331)	\$38,877	(\$8,775)
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Receipts	Needed for	DIFFERENCE	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$79,595	\$94,072	(\$14,477)	\$86,355	(\$6,760)
Building Fund	<u>\$15,031</u>	<u>\$15,227</u>	<u>(\$196)</u>	<u>\$15,227</u>	<u>(\$196)</u>
Total	\$94,626	\$109,299	(\$14,673)	\$101,582	(\$6,956)

Weekly

Financial News:

General Fund: \$8,283.70 Noisy Collection: \$53.38 Sunday Attendance: 285

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— In speaking to His disciples, Jesus asked them this question, "But who do you say that I am?" How would you respond to that question? This is a question we all need to answer. Peter did not need to listen to what others had to say as to who Jesus was. He told Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus told him, "Blessed are you [Peter]! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven" (Matthew 16:15-17). This understanding was given to Peter and to us by revelation from the Holy Spirit. To acknowledge Jesus as Son of God does not come from our human intellect. What Peter believed was given to him by grace. What he believed transformed his life. The same is true of us. Knowing God can't help but change us and make us more like Jesus.

TAIV FUNDRAISER – MAY 13 – 5:00PM - INSHALLA

Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers (TAIV) annual fundraiser will take place at Inshalla, May 13th starting at 5 pm. Tickets are \$40 and includes dinner, entertainment (historical trivia), silent and dessert auctions. Tickets

can be purchased at Nelsons, Great Lakes, Tomahawk Furniture, Tomahawk Leader, or contact Therese Hesse or Jeannie Gudgeon. Thank you. TAIV is successful because of YOU! **Deadline to buy tickets is May 8th.**

INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

Click on Pastor Mark's Sabbatical on the Grace website, www.gracelutehrantomahawk.org to see the completed work for Course 2 in the six-part work on "Faith Formation in the 21st Century". Thank you to all who assisted and participated in the "Survey of Grace's Intergenerational Culture", the live-presentations, and reviewing the "Three-Year Intergenerational Plan", which you can do on the website. Course 3 from May-August will be on "Family Faith Formation".