

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

WELCOME PASTOR JOHN ROTH!

Pastor John is one of seventy speakers at Food for the Poor which is an interdenominational charity based in Coconut Creek, FL. Dr. Roth is a fifth generation pastor whose roots came from the Moravian Church when his great-great-grandfather served as a missionary to the area that would become Ohio after the 1750's. He served Lutheran congregations or mission in Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Georgia, and Florida. He has preached in seventeen states and made mission trips to Haiti, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Our November special offering is designated for Food for the Poor.

FLOWERS TODAY are in memory of Beatrice Wiedeman who died November 12, 2016. They are from Bruce & Karen Wiedeman and family.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out the family of Elaine Carpenter who died on October 31. Elaine was the mother of Deb (Don) Narloch. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

THANK YOU members of Grace Lutheran!

Education and More would like to express our appreciation for your generous support of our Healthy Homes/Healthy Families program. Your generosity directly benefits the artisan families that we work with in Guatemala! Thanks to you, we have built a house for Cristina in San Antonio and have repaired or improved ten more homes Choacruz. You Mission and VBS team members have been an inspiration and a joy to work with! Thank you from all us at Education and More, *Coleen Parry*

A NOTE FROM PASTOR DON—As your visitation pastor I have decided to let you know I have once again been diagnosed with prostate cancer. (I was previously diagnosed and successfully treated about eighteen years ago.) It seemed important to me that you know this as I would like to continue working, and I want to assure you that this is not a contagious disease.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION – THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Are you interested in learning more about the awesome people of Guatemala? There will be an informative and interesting slide presentation this Sunday, November 12, between services in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Grace Lutheran has been asked to ring bells for the Salvation Army November 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25. This is the week of deer season. We have six days this year.

- There will be two-hour shifts from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, 12:00 to 2:00 pm, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, plus a one-hour shift from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. We will ring at Shopko and Nelsons.
- Last year Grace had over one hundred volunteers. Some of you rang numerous times and we thank you very much. If you are willing to ring alone or more than once, it will help fill our schedules. If you can't ring during Grace's scheduled times and you are willing to ring another time or at the Post Office, please sign the sub list and someone will contact you.
- This is Salvation Army's major fundraiser. Eighty-six percent of the funds stay in the Tomahawk area to assist with rent, fuel, medical expenses, clothing needs, etc.
- Next weekend, Nov. 11 & 12, JJ Schiltz will be at all services to help and encourage you to sign up for bell ringing.

Contact JJ Schiltz with questions! If you would like to sign up before next weekend, please call JJ at 715 453-7913.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS – PICK UP

The Confirmation photos are ready for pick up. There are on the table under the Youth bulletin board.

THE ASSOCIATED CLERGY OF TOMAHAWK (ACT) joyfully invite you to Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 pm at St. Barnabas Church in Tomahawk to worship together with the Tomahawk community. We will celebrate God's Word, and in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to God for our community and our nation.

- **Readers and Assisting Ministers:** Non-clergy Scripture readers & Liturgy participants are needed for the Thanksgiving worship. Please consider participating in this ecumenical worship. Please contact Pastor Carolyn Rauschert at (715) 966-3752, (715) 453-1893, or trustinhim13@frontier.net if you would like to be part of the worship.
- **Carolers are also needed** immediately after the Tomahawk "Christmas Parade" during Thanksgiving weekend. The Chamber wants a group of carolers as one of the activities happening behind the Rodeo after the parade.

TUESDAY ADULT STUDY – ALWAYS OPEN

Tuesday is discipling day for adults – learning and growing our faith in Jesus. All are welcome. Come just one time or for one topic. Study guides with theme, reading and questions are on the table in the Gathering Space. Morning study is 9:30-10:30 currently studying Genesis, for November – Genesis 16-21, children of Abraham: Christians, Jews, Muslims, Evening study is 7:00-8:00 currently studying The Shack, for November – chapters 5-8.

BOOKS ON MARTIN LUTHER - HALF PRICE!

See the display in the Gathering Space and place your order! November 12 is the deadline. Until then 1517 Media, formerly Augsburg Publishing has made lots of resources available for half price until November 12. The “Reformation Reader’s Guide” on the display table has explanations and three options: E for easily accessible and a good place to begin, M for Moderate and C for Challenging.

MEMORY TREE LIGHTS & ORNAMENTS—You may order/purchase ornaments and lights in honor or memory of your loved ones in the Gathering Area.

BUILDING UTILIZATION

- It is once again time to review the meeting and storage requirements of all the groups that use the Grace Lutheran facilities. A Building Use Survey has been placed in each of the mailboxes in the copy room. We are asking all groups to complete and return their surveys by November 19. Extra copies of the survey are available in the gathering space for anyone who would like to offer input.
- A Building Utilization Committee will review the results of this survey and communicate its results, along with any ideas for changes in how spaces are utilized. If you are interested in serving on this group, please see Sherry Clements or call at 715-453-5615.

We have been blessed with such a beautiful house of worship and we want to be good stewards in our use of this wonderful facility.

2018 SPECIAL OFFERING REQUESTS—As you sense God’s call to promote a specific mission at Grace, in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, USA or the world – please consider promoting a Special Monthly Offering at Grace. Pick up a “Special Offering Request Form” from the church office, from our website or the rack in the hallway just off the Gathering Area. In early January, the Grace Lutheran Stewardship Committee will review all requests and assign specific months for Special Offerings. The Church Council receives this Stewardship Committee monthly Special Offering designation in their consent agenda.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING – FOOD FOR THE POOR

Food for the Poor provides shelter, food & clean water, basic medical supplies, and emergency aid for the poorest of the poor. This organization serves seven-teen countries in Latin America and Caribbean countries. FFTP work is motivated by faith in God, spreading His unconditional love, regardless of race, wealth, or creed as they minister to the poorest of the poor. Ninety-five percent of all monies donated to FFTP go directly to programs that help the poor. On November 11 & 12, Pastor John F. Roth (representing FFTP) will be preaching at all worship services. Please come and hear more about the Food for the Poor.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY—By God’s grace, we are given the high honor of being God’s stewards. Being Christian stewards involves the way we view life and use God’s blessings. A steward is someone who takes care of another person’s property for the benefit of the owner. In Genesis chapter one, God makes mankind the steward over all He has made. “*And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens...*” (Verse 26). He has given us, along with other Christians, the responsibility of taking care of His property. Our purpose as stewards is again stated in the second chapter of Genesis. “*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it*” (Genesis 2:15). We are the managers and caretakers of God’s creation

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2017

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>Sept. 2017 Receipts</u>	<u>Needed for Budget</u>	<u>RECEIPTS vs BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL SPENDING</u>	<u>RECEIPTS vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$24,566	\$31,357	(\$6,791)	\$29,728	(\$5,162)
Building Fund	\$4,359	\$5,076	\$717	\$5,076	(\$717)
Total	\$28,925	\$36,433	(\$7,508)	\$34,804	(\$5,879)
		<u>YTD</u>		<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Needed for Budget</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>ACTUAL SPENDING</u>	<u>RECEIPTS vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$245,197	\$282,216	(\$37,019)	\$251,110	(\$5,913)
Building Fund	\$44,310	\$45,682	(\$1,372)	\$45,682	(\$1,372)
Total	\$289,507	\$327,898	(\$38,391)	\$296,792	(\$7,285)

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$12,765.36
<u>Noisy Collection</u> 42.25
<u>Attendance</u> 259

Nov. 11 & 12	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	Garrett Nelson	Mason Schreiner	Geena Wanta
Greeters	Dan/Kay Salewske	Tobias Family	Child of God
Readers		Laurie Schmidt	Jeannie Gudgeon
Ushers	Jeanette Lovsletten Peggy Price	Don/Carolyn Halverson Children of God	Dawn LaFevre Mary Hoglund
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers		Shirley Derleth	Nancy Herbison
Communion Assistants		Whitney Osero Margie Welke	
Projection	Sue Mielke	Eric Anderson	Betty Hudson
Altar Guild Bernice Mitchell Stephanie Pellitteri Leanne Setlak	Counters Dorothy Kind, Karen Suske Leanne Setlak	Video Delivery Torkelsons Organist-5:00 & 10:45 Laurie Schmidt	Projection Lisa Elliott

Nov. 18 & 19	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	Child of God	Robin Schmidt	Ayla McCormick
Greeters	Dar Clements Bernice Mitchell	Paul/Dotti Andersen Fran Anderson	Andy/Luann Kiander
Readers	Dar Kluball	Shirley Derleth	Nancy Herbison
Ushers	Darwin Kluball Mary Wilke	Wick Family Margie Welke	Steve/Greg Heikkinen
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Gail Wilson	Paul Kurth	Nancy Herbison
Communion Assistants		Jan/Larry Hagen	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	James Zastrow	CHILD OF GOD
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CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Our annual Cookie Walk/Craft Sale will be here before you know it. This year's date is Saturday, December 9. If anyone has patterns or ideas that require fabric, we can probably provide the fabric for you! Please call Darlene Wechsler (715) 630-6471 or the church office if you would like to see what is available.