

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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NOVEMBER 12 & 13, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION TRIP – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

See the registration form in this bulletin. Deadline to sign-up is November 14. **Don't wait, register asap.**

SOMETHING NEW IN THE KITCHEN!

A **vegetable/fruit prep sink and a faucet** have been installed in the space next to the refrigerator where a countertop stove had been. Also new in the kitchen is a waterline that has been connected to the refrigerator so **the ice making feature is now operating.** Monies to pay for the sink, faucet and plumbing came from the portion of the Cookie Walk proceeds which had been designated to the kitchen renovation fund and from Lenten soup lunch donations which were designated for kitchen needs (Fellowship Committee.) **Thank you to: Julie Dentler, Cookie Walk chairwoman, Leanne Setlak, Fellowship Committee chairwoman, and Corky Burcalow, coordinator,** for everything they have done! Also, thank you to all who purchased items at previous Cookie Walk events and/or donated monies during the Lenten soup lunches! Your monies made this project possible.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 23 - ST. BARNABAS – 7:00 PM

On Wednesday, November 23, there will be a community Thanksgiving Service at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 201 W. Merrill Ave, Tomahawk. The Associated Clergy of Tomahawk (ACT) is hosting this worship. Pastor Mark will be officiating at communion and Dick Huntoon will be the organist. Volunteers are also needed to help with the following: reading, ushering, serving communion, and helping to serve refreshments. If you are interested in participating, please call Carolyn Rauschert, pastor at St. Barnabas, at (715) 453-0789. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD...

Nearly four years have passed since our last “Driving Down the Debt” (D3) Dinner & Auction. Over \$7,000 was raised at this festive, entertaining event and applied to the principal of our building debt. In **February 2017**, just, three months away, we will again honor our beautiful ‘new’ (twelve-year old) facility with another dinner/auction event. The initial planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the lounge. We welcome all people interested in helping to plan this festive event. If you have questions, please contact Sherry Clements at 453-5615 or Karen Torkelson at 612-8675.

In the near future, we will again ask for donations for this auction. You may want to keep this in mind as you shop the great sales offered over the holiday season. You never know when you'll come across a great idea for an auction/ticket item.

THANKFUL PUMPKIN—What are you thankful for? See the “Thankful” pumpkin in the Gathering Space and what others have already written. Please add what you are thankful for.

NO TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY on November 22nd. (Thanksgiving week.)

WORSHIP MINISTRY GROUP has rescheduled the next meeting to take place Sunday, November 20, at 9:30 am. New members welcome! We'd love to have your input!

BOOKS – GOOD READING OR GOOD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Grace is making the following books available at the prices as listed. **Jesus Calling** by Sarah Young is a devotional that many at Grace are using. But did you know she just came out with a new devotional, **Jesus Always**, and she has devotionals for preschoolers, children and youth. Another fascinating book several have asked about is **Stars Beneath Us: Finding God in the Evolving Cosmos** by Dr. Paul Wallace with his emphasis on how science can lead us to faith in God and deeper realization of the majesty and glory of God. **These books can be found next to the church office door. Please leave your remittance (preferably a check) in the jar on the table. Thank you.**

Books by Sarah Young:

- Jesus Calling.....\$10
- Jesus Always.....\$10
- Jesus Calling, My First Storybook.....\$ 7
- Jesus Calling Bible Story Book.....\$10
- Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions for Kids.....\$10
- Stars Beneath Us, by Dr. Paul Wallace....\$13

Great Christmas
Gifts!



COMPANION BREAKFAST—Is your ministry group looking for ways to raise awareness and additional funds? Consider hosting a Companion Breakfast. Our calendar is open beginning December 2016 - 2017. See the sign-up sheet in the hallway by the Copier Room. Please know that you must fill out an Event/Fundraiser form for your event to be put on the calendar. These forms can be downloaded from our website: www.gracelutherantomahawk.org—click on *downloadable forms* or request a form from the church office.

EVENT/FUNDRAISER REMINDER

Any fundraiser or event taking place at or through Grace Lutheran must have the lead person of each event fill out the Event/Fundraiser form. This includes Sunday breakfasts. The form can be found on our web site or request one from the office. Thank you.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Grace Lutheran has been asked to ring bells for the Salvation Army November 18,19,20,21,22,23, and 25. This is the week of deer season. We have seven 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 fund raiser. Eighty-six percent of the funds stay in the Tomahawk area to assist with rent, fuel, medical expenses, clothing needs, etc.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER—Pick up your copy, it is available in the Gathering Space!

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM SUMMARY

Grace was once again blessed by many Thrivent Action Teams this past year. We'd like to print a summary of those teams. If you're willing to share your information, please contact the church office (715) 453-0466 or dhetzl@gracetomahawk.org) with a short title of the projects you used your Action Team benefit for this year. Thank you for encouraging generosity with a Thrivent Action Team! *If you are a Thrivent member and haven't used your Action Teams for this year, please contact the church office if you are willing to make them available. Thank you.*

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING - GRACE HOUSE

Grace House is a very important place. Many people are blessed because Grace Lutheran shares the House with the community. It serves the Salvation Army, the Backpack Program and multiple AA groups. You could say the ripple effect from Grace's generosity has spread to families way beyond the bounds of Grace House. Salvation Army provides emergency needs to those in our community; they also provide food for countless families of grade school children every week via the Backpack program. The packing of the backpacks takes place at Grace House every week during the school year. The AA groups that meet at Grace House are forever grateful for a safe, anonymous meeting place. The Grace House is priceless to those who use it. You can truly see God at work through the people at Grace House.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— Can people see God's light through you? Actions, words, lifestyle, and what we give are visible indicators of God's presence within our lives. Our character, compassion, gratitude, giving, humility, perseverance, and faith reflect God's light when He is glorified and honored above all things. The Holy Spirit has placed within each Christian a light that can show others God's glory and majesty. We are to let that light shine (Matthew 5:16). Our light may seem to us like a twinkling candle in a dark world, but God will use it and magnify it.

Our Financial Picture 2016	Needed for Monthly Budget	Oct. 2016 Receipts	Difference
General Fund	\$30,858	\$37,128	\$6,270
Building Fund	\$5,076	\$5,926	\$850
Total	\$35,934	\$43,054	\$7,120

Weekly Financial News General Fund: \$7,584.50 Noisy Collection: \$49.55 Attendance: 239
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Year – To - Date	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016	Difference
General Fund	\$308,582	\$278,976	(\$29,606)
Building Fund	\$53,464	\$51,890	(\$1,574)
Total	\$362,046	\$330,866	(\$31,180)

For more information or details on the Financial Report, please contact Sherry Clements, Financial Reporter.
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**Adjusted Budget" includes reduction in mortgage payment on 4/1/16 (Monthly mortgage payment reduced from \$5,977.89/mo to \$5,075.80/mo resulting in annual reduction of \$902.09/mo X 9 months + \$8,118.81.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR 2017

Plans are currently being made to select the monthly special offering designations for next year. If there is a ministry that you would like to suggest for consideration, please submit a Special Benevolence Request Form. Forms are available in the church office. The Stewardship Committee strives to offer a variety of outreach opportunities that may speak to "where your heart is." If you have questions, please contact a Stewardship Committee member: Sherry Clements, Shirley Derleth, Lori Winch.

