

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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**NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2016**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (through Memorial Day)

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

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** go out to the family of Beatrice “Bea” Wiedeman who died November 12. Beatrice was the wife of Henry, and mother of Bruce (Karen) Wiedeman. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life. **Flowers today are in memory of Bea.**

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW TREASURER SHIRLEY DERLETH!**

Shirley Derleth has been chosen to be our new Treasurer. She begins her duties this month. For the past few years the role of Treasurer has been two-fold. Sarah Mann has been the Treasurer, and Sherry Clements has been the Financial Reporter. Shirley will assume both of these roles. **A HUGE thank you to Sarah and Sherry for their hard work and dedication. And also thank you to Pam Kopp** for continuing to help with her expertise when needed. Sarah will continue to work in the office with Debbie.

## **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!

**FAIR TRADE THIS WEEKEND!**—Our Fair Trade Team once again has a great Christmas idea for you! Give Fair Trade products! We’ve put together gift baskets with a variety of coffees, teas, and chocolates for you to give as gifts this Christmas. The baskets, along with our regular supply of Fair Trade products, will be for sale this weekend and at the Cookie Walk in a few weeks. When you buy Fair Trade products, it’s like giving two gifts this Christmas! As always, no one is profiting from the sales of Fair Trade items except the farmers and their families. Remember, you may also purchase Fair Trade products through the church office or any time you see a member of the Fair Trade Ministry Team (Margie Welke, Cathy Schmit, Patti Gaedtke, Sherry Clements, and Nancy Kind.) **THANK YOU** for your continued support of this valuable outreach ministry!

**QUILT AUCTION**—An anonymous donor has provided a beautiful Christmas quilt for the Cookie Walk/Craft Sale. This quilt will be displayed in the Gathering Space until December 13 with a sign-up sheet for silent bidding. Deadline for bidding will be noon on Tuesday, December 13. This masterpiece is 64" x 64" and would be a lovely gift for someone - or for yourself!

## **GUESS WHATS POPPIN' AT GRACE LUTHERAN? A NEW POPCORN MACHINE!**

Special thanks to Thrivent and to all the generous folks who donated toward this tasty addition to our Youth Room. Keep your nose tuned in for that wonderful popcorn smell.

**IT WILL BE HERE SOON!**—Saturday, Dec. 10th is our annual Cookie Walk, Lefse, and Craft Sale! The doors to the craft sale open at 8:30 am, and the doors to the Cookie Walk open at 9:30 am. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area so stop by and take a look. If you want lefse it must be pre-ordered. Prices remain the same as last year \$6.00/pkg of 3 for lefse and \$7.00/lb for cookies. Funds raised will be designated to Kitchen Renovation Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, some towards ground keeping, and an update to the "Confirmation" hallway. There are opportunities to buy ingredients for lefse, help make lefse, create and donate a craft, bake for the Cookie Walk, or work on event day. All helping hands are appreciated. Feel free to contact Julie Dentler (715) 453-4970 with any questions.

## **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.*

**NO TUESDAY MORNING OR EVENING BIBLE STUDY** on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Thanksgiving week.)

**WORSHIP MINISTRY GROUP** has rescheduled the next meeting to take place **THIS Sunday, November 20, at 9:30 am** in the Anna Fredereckson Lounge. New members welcome! We’d love to have your input!

**ONLY THREE MORE SPOTS AVAILABLE for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bus trip to Minneapolis on December 2.** See the pink insert in the Gathering Area. Don’t wait – sign up today.

**LOOKING FOR A SIMPLE WAY TO SERVE THE LORD?** Please consider delivering the Sunday Worship CD to our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. This would be approximately one time per month. This is a very important ministry. These folks are not able to come to worship. The CD on Sunday morning is very important connection for them. Please call the church office at (715) 453-4066.

**GLOW REPORT** (Grace Lutheran on Wednesdays) The 6th & 7th grade GLOW group of Pastor Ziemer and Patti Gaedtke have had a fun fall doing service activities. On October 19 (continuing a yearly tradition) Grace youth met at St. Mary's Church with their 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth and leaders. On this occasion the youth were taught about biblical virtues. After much discussion and brainstorming the students worked together to create posters describing what they had learned. These posters will be displayed in the Middle School as an encouragement to all. A follow-up event with St. Mary's will occur on March 15 at Grace Lutheran. On November 9 the GLOW group spent time with and got to know some of the interesting residents at Golden Age Nursing Home. Small groups of students met with residents for visiting and pumpkin painting. Gifts of prayer shawls to the residents were very much appreciated. A return visit is planned in December, as requested by the youth and adults, for more social time and the making of Christmas cards.  
*Bill Sparr, GLOW Activity Coordinator*

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**

Grace Lutheran has been asked to ring bells for the Salvation Army November 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.
- 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.

**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 [dhetzel@gracetomahawk.org](mailto:dhetzel@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.

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

<b>Weekly Financial News</b> General Fund: \$6,458.03 Noisy Collection: \$63.53 Attendance: 237
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<b>Year – To - Date</b>	<b>Needed for Monthly Budget</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Difference</b>
General Fund	\$308,582	\$278,976	<b>(\$29,606)</b>
Building Fund	\$53,464	\$51,890	<b>(\$1,574)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$362,046</b>	<b>\$330,866</b>	<b>(\$31,180)</b>

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.
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**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.



