

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

COFFEE HOUR BREAKFAST – THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday the Coffee Hour will host breakfast in Fellowship Hall. All are invited. A free-will offering will be taken. If your group would like to host a breakfast, please let us know!

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 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.*

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.

THANKFUL PUMPKIN

What are you thankful for? See the "Thankful" pumpkin in the Gathering Space and what others have already written. Please feel free to add what you are thankful for.

HIGH SCHOOL MOVE NIGHT – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - 7:00 to 10:00 PM

All high school youth are invited!!! You can count on a great movie, popcorn, and soda. FRIENDS are welcome too. They do not have to be members of Grace. There is no cost, movie night is free. **Come check out our new TV with surround sound in the Youth Room.**

SANCTUARY CHRISTMAS TREE

We are looking for an individual, group, or family that would like to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree. The tree would need to go up anytime following the services on Dec 11th and prior to 9am on Saturday, Dec. 17th. The tree and ornaments are provided. You may use our ornaments or make/bring your own. Call the church office at (715) 453-4066 or Marcia Sattelberg (715) 453-8195, if you are interested.

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

The Associated Clergy of Tomahawk (ACT) is promoting this Thanksgiving worship as a time to invite and gather the Tomahawk community together in worship around God's Word, Holy Communion, and in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to God for our community and our nation. St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, along with Grace Lutheran and Tomahawk United Methodist, are the hosts. Our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has "Full Communion" relations with both the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church and these three church bodies practice "open Communion," welcoming all to Communion who long for Jesus and have been baptized. Thus, Grace Lutheran, Tomahawk United Methodist, and St. Barnabas can welcome all to Communion, and the pastors in ACT are inviting all to join in this worship and praise to God.

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.**

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

ADVENT CANTATA PRACTICE HAS BEGUN

Practice for the Advent Cantata has begun! Practice is every Wednesday at 7:00 pm with the exception of November 23. Everyone is invited to praise the Lord in song. The Cantata dates are: December 10 & 11 at all services. If you have questions, please call Corey Colburn at (715) 453-6450 or email colburnc@tomahawk.k12.wi.us.

BOOKS – GOOD READING OR GOOD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Grace is making the following books available at the prices as listed. **Samples are in the Gathering Space.** **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.

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!



There are **display copies** in the Gathering Area. See the clip board in the Gathering Space for any of these books or stop by the office to see if we have them available.

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.

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—God’s Word tells us that we should *“pray without ceasing”* (1 Thessalonians 5:17). To encourage praying Jesus shared a parable with His disciples to show them how they *“ought always to pray and not lose heart”* (Luke 18:1). The parable was about a widow who, time after time, pleaded with a judge to give her justice. The judge, although not moved by pity or a desire to have justice served, finally relented, saying, *“Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming”* (Luke 18:4-5)! Never give up is the message of this parable. Our heavenly Father promises that we will receive whatever we ask for in His name (John 16:14).

Our Financial Picture 2016	Needed for Monthly Budget	Sept. 2016 Receipts	Difference
General Fund	\$30,858	\$25,399	(\$5,459)
Building Fund	\$5,076	\$5,358	\$282
Total	\$35,934	\$30,757	(\$5,177)
Year – To - Date	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016	Difference
General Fund	\$277,724	\$241,848	(\$35,876)
Building Fund	\$48,388	\$45,964	(\$2,424)
Total	\$326,112	\$287,812	(\$38,300)

Weekly Financial News
 General Fund: \$8,549.00
 Noisy Collection: \$75.97
 Attendance: 274

For more information or details on the Financial Report, please contact Sherry Clements, Financial Reporter.

****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.

