

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship*

**OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2017**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (through Memorial Day)

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

**WELCOME TO GOD'S KINGDOM Brooklyn Marie Winter!** Brooklyn is being baptized this weekend at the 8:30 worship service. Her parents are Dan & Peggy Winter. Brooklyn's sponsors are Toby Sontag and Teresa Brown.

## BIBLE MILESTONE PRESENTATION



The following third graders, along with their parents, participated in Bible instruction and will be receiving their Spark Bibles today: Dane Dekiep, Emerson Gebauer, Elise Gibeault, Phoebe Hrdina, Autumn Johnson, Anthony Kluck, Norah Mann, Marissa Miles, Isaiah Mullen, Toby Scott, Ryan Sundquist. Older children, Jayden Chase, Alli Palmer, and Tyler Sundquist, also participated and will be receiving their Spark Bible.

**A NOTE FROM JEAN HUNTOON**—Thank you! And, once more thank you to all you wonderful Grace friends who have sent cards, (I believe I've set a record around here for incoming mail), written notes, made phone calls, and visits to me since I've been housed away in this "care center." You people are covering the "caring" part of that title for sure. May God bless all of you in these and all the other ways you have expressed your concern for me during this new challenge in my life. May He bless all of you in all the ways you so richly deserve. This is not a place one wishes to be. You made it, and are making it, not only bearable but rich with pleasant moments, fun conversation, and reassurance of God's activity in the challenges He has placed before me. Thank you. Thank you! *Jean*

**Note from the church office:** *Jean would love a visit from you. She is at Portage County Health Care Center, Room 6, 825 Whiting Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481. She loves phone calls too! (715) 453-3890.*

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our Stewardship emphasis over the past few weekends. What a wonderful testimony to everyone's mission and calling! We are so excited at all that was raised up in God's name! As you pursue that which God has called you to do, please know that we are here to help in any way necessary. Please contact the Stewardship team with any questions you may have as you move your mission forward! Also, we will continue to display God's Mission Board over the next few weekends in the Gathering Space so please take time to read about all that God has placed within our hearts. Feel free to nail your Mission to the God's Mission Board. We will write more about them in an upcoming newsletter article. If you still wish to commit to your Plan for Giving for 2018, there will be a box in the Gathering Space to place your card. **What is God stirring within you? Take the time to listen and respond with, "Here I am Lord!"** *The Stewardship Team - Heather Kurth, Shirley Derleth, Pastor Mark*

"**A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**" or "Ein fester Burg ist unser Gott" is one of Martin Luther's best known hymns. Luther wrote the melody sometime between 1527 and 1529. The lyrics have been translated into English at least seventy times and also into many other languages. The words are a paraphrase of Psalm 46. It has been called the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation" for the effect it had in increasing the support for the Reformers cause. The hymn's popularity has gone beyond the Reformation as it is now a suggested hymn for Catholic Masses.

## 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.

## EYG COMPANION BREAKFAST – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Everyone is invited to the Companion Breakfast, sponsored by the EYG (ELCA Youth Gathering) group next Sunday, November 10 between services. A free will offering will be accepted.

**MEMORY TREE LIGHTS & ORNAMENTS** will be offered by next weekend Nov. 4/5. You may purchase ornaments and lights in honor or memory of your loved ones.

## GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Are you interested in learning more about the awesome people of Guatemala? There will be an informative and interesting slide presentation on Sunday, November 12, between services in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Questions? Call Al Overhaug at (715) 612-1111.

**ADVENT CONCERT BUS TOUR – DECEMBER 2-3, 2017**

Crossways is excited to offer a bus tour for adults this holiday season! This is an unforgettable musical weekend that will remind us of the true reason for the season. There will be two world class concerts at Augsburg College and Gustavus Adolphus College on Saturday afternoon and evening. There will be worship on Sunday morning at St. Olaf College with special music from the St. Olaf band. For more information, see flyers (with registrations attached) in the Gathering Area, or go to our website: [www.gracelutherantomahawk.org](http://www.gracelutherantomahawk.org) or to [www.crosswayscamps.org](http://www.crosswayscamps.org). **Deadline to sign up is October 30<sup>th</sup>!**

**CITY PARKING LOT UPGRADE**

**Parking Lot Update**

The generous people of Grace have, once again, answered the call! Over \$5000 has been contributed for the City Parking Lot upgrade. Several people have asked if they could contribute later. The answer is “absolutely!” We have given the City our estimate of support in time for their budget meeting, but we don’t need to give them the funds until spring. So our special fund will stay open and we will continue to accept contributions until then. Again, we thank you for your generosity!

**OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING**

As Our Sisters’ House approaches the second full year of operation, we reflect back on the individuals we have been able to serve over this time. Our wonderful staff and volunteers have been a guiding light to the 70 men, women and children who found their safe place with us. Most of these individuals are now living productive lives right here in our community. We would like to express our gratitude to all community supporters including Grace Lutheran who bless our residents with prayers, donations of food, fresh garden produce, basic need items, monetary support and time volunteering at the house. Together we are changing lives for the better. Volunteers are always needed, so if this is a cause that calls to your heart please call Tina Elvins at (715) 225-3520 for more information. There is also always a need for bread, milk and Lysol.

Thank you again for your continued support!  
God Bless, *Tina Elvins* – Our Sisters’ House Director

**STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY**

The Apostle Paul asserts that we can find contentment as we trust in the right things (Philippians 4:10-13). It’s also true, then, that we dare not trust in the wrong things. We dare not trust in temporary, earthly things, things like wealth or riches which Paul said are so uncertain. However, many people do trust in wealth. Have you ever noticed the long lines of people waiting to buy lottery tickets? Along with every discarded stub go the hopes of those who thought that they could strike it big, those who thought that a million-dollar jackpot would bring contentment. What about those who have had that winning ticket? We’ve read the dismal accounts of those who, having obtained all that wealth, have not obtained contentment, but more trial! Paul learned the secret of being content because he found his strength in the Lord.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE  
2017

	Sept. 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>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)
		YTD		YTD	
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Needed for</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
		<u>Budget</u>		<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>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)

<b>Weekly Financial News</b>
<u>General Fund</u> \$4,931.07
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$53.66
<u>Attendance</u> 334

Oct. 28 & 29	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Child of God</b>	Sam Kurth	Megan Miles
<b>Greeters</b>	Dar Kluball Rose Hoff	Gary & Judi Calhoun Ken & Deb Kincaid	Lois Langlois
<b>Readers</b>	Karen Olson	Sandy Wick	Nancy Herbison
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Detmering Karen Olson	Wick Family Dan Schuller	Steve/Greg Heikkinen
<b>Nursery</b>	-----	<b>Child of God</b>	<b>Child of God</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Al Overhaug	Mark Gaedtke	Jane Schuller
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Jan & Larry Hagen	
<b>Projection</b>	Karen Torkelson	Whitney Osero	Dravin Schmit
<b>Altar Guild</b> Pat Jeske Sara Reiff Marcia Sattelberg	<b>Counters</b> Jim Pellitteri Corky Burcalow Ken Kincaid	<b>Video Delivery</b> Torkelsons  <b>Organist</b> —Marcia Sattelberg	<b>Projection</b> Paula Norman

November 4 & 5	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mason Peck	Martin Schmidt Serena Reinke	Greta Tjugum Morgan Hansmann
<b>Greeters</b>	Bernice Mitchell Peggy Price	Terry/Sarah Mann Family	Jodi/Emily Decker
<b>Readers</b>	Chris Raasch	Marie Stark	Al Overhaug
<b>Ushers</b>	Chris/Ed Raasch	John Krueger Bill Erickson Jack Lauder Steve Kahle	Dan Schuller Bill Martinson
<b>Nursery</b>		<b>Child of God</b>	<b>Child of God</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Karen Olson	Corey Colburn	Nancy Herbison
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Megan Marcks Joe Story	
<b>Projection</b>	Jason Mielke	Brynn Beaumier	Tami Olson
<b>Altar Guild</b> Bernice Mitchell Stephanie Pellitteri Leanne Setlak	<b>Counters</b> Dorothy Kind, Karen Suske Leanne Setlak	<b>Video Delivery</b> Al Overhaug  <b>Organist</b> —Marcia Sattelberg	<b>Projection</b> Keri Kelley

### **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.

### **MY TWO ELAINES – WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 1 – 11:30 AM**

Former Wisconsin Governor Martin J. Schreiber will be at Grace on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 11:30 am - 1:00pm. He will share his lessons from his decade-plus journey as a caregiver for his wife, Elaine, who lives with Alzheimer's disease. Governor Schreiber will candidly describe his challenges and missteps, and highlight how compassion and humor provide comfort to both caregiver and the person with dementia. His raw honesty and practical advice will inspire other caregivers to find patience, courage and love as they climb the Alzheimer's mountain. A light lunch will be served first and presentation to begin at 12:15. Book signing will follow by Mr. Schreiber.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- **When you are in the hospital** please call the church office and let us know. It is very seldom that the hospital will notify us even if they ask your permission to do so.
- **Sharon Gilley Memorial Library**, located upstairs in the Anna Frederekson Lounge is ready for you to check out books! The Library has been restructured, and some new books added. It is open any time the church is open. There is basket in the Gathering Area for you to drop off returned books.

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**CALLING ALL LONG-TIME MEMBERS OF GRACE** to join us at a "remembering" session to help prepare for Grace's 125th Anniversary next year. What do you remember about your history with Grace? What are some interesting stories you can share to bring the past alive for those who didn't experience it? Come to a get-together on Tuesday, November 7 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We need you, as "Senior Advisors", to help make our anniversary celebrations all that they can be!

