

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (after Labor Day)

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CONNECTING WITH GRACE LUTHERAN AS A MEMBER?

Please contact the church office if you are interested, have questions regarding Grace, or know someone who has expressed interest in Grace. During the month of October, we will be inviting all folks that are interested in joining Grace to set up a time to meet with Pastor Mark and/or Wendy. We want to get to know you. We can be reached at (715) 453-4066. There will be a **Welcome Luncheon Meeting is THIS Sunday, October 16, at 12:00 noon. October 29 & 30 will be the weekend we welcome new members at worship** and will be followed by refreshments at 9:30 am.

THANK YOU to Dennis Jeske for taking the quilts and kits to LWR. Your time and generosity is very much appreciated.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE—Please contact the church office of Church Council if you are willing to serve on this committee to review the updates from the 2016 Churchwide Assembly. The Grace Lutheran Constitution is a living document that requires constant attention to best guide and direct us into God's mission. It is a shared task of Grace and our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Every three years at our ELCA Churchwide Assembly recommendations are reviewed and approved for congregational constitutions. This is based on the learned experience from the 9000+ ELCA congregations.

HAND BELL NOTES

The Handbell Choir is proud of the new table coverings that you see today! Thank you to all of our donors. Our next practice is on November 1, at 6:00 PM, and we will perform November 19 and 20. Please join us!

ADVENT CANTATA PRACTICE BEGINS!

Practice for the Advent Cantata began Wednesday, Oct 12 at 7:00 pm. Practice will continue to be 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 11 & 12 at all services. If you have questions, please call Corey Colburn at (715) 453-6450 or email colburnc@tomahawk.k12.wi.us.

COLORING THE GODS PROMISES – BEGINNING MONDAY – OCTOBER 17 – 6:00 PM

Color as you reflect on God's Word to you. Adult coloring books are the new craze come reflect on Gods promises. Whether you are a novice, experienced colorist, or just want to give it a try, you will be able to reflect upon short quotations from the Bible as you color and study God's Word. Bring your own color book or let Margie know if you need one. Any inspirational coloring book will work. Mark your calendars for Monday, October 17 from 6-7:00 PM. Contact Margie Welke at (715) 453-5797 or (715) 966-5497 or the church office by October 10th.

High School Youth Night- Grades 8 - 12



Who: All Youth Ages 8th Grade to 12th Grade

When: Saturday Oct. 22nd - Meet at Grace Lutheran 5pm. Returning between 10:30 & 11 pm.

Cost: \$15.00 - includes transportation, hayride, corn maze, & haunted house

Please call Margie at (715) 453- 5797, text her at (715) 966-5497 or call the church office at 453-4066 by Wednesday Oct 19th if you want to attend.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION - OCTOBER 23 -10:45 AM

The tenth grade class of Grace Lutheran will be confirmed on Sunday, October 23, at the 10:45 am worship service. Everyone is invited to share this milestone. This year the Confirmation youth will present their Faith Boards! They will be displayed in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 the day of Confirmation. Please come and see what they have created. Feel free to ask questions. **The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to come the reception for the Confirmands at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall.** There will be refreshments and fellowship. Please keep our young people in prayer.

BIBLE MILESTONE - For parents and their Third Graders, Grace **Bible Milestone classes** will be held during the Sunday School hour, **9:40 - 10:40 on October 16, 23, and 30**, in the Youth Room (across from the Fellowship Room). Parents and their children in grades 4-7, who have not had this milestone introduction to the Bible, are also encouraged to attend.



Bible Presentation in worship will be at 10:45 on October 30.

Highlight your Favorite Verse

Grandparents, godparents, Prayer Partners and other faith-encouragers, we invite you to highlight your favorite Bible verse in the Bibles the Third Graders will be receiving. Bibles will be available for you to do this in the front of the youth room each of the Sundays in October. The formal presentation of the Bible in worship will be on Sunday, October 30 at the 10:45 worship service

MARTIN LUTHER MEMORABILIA TRIP DATE – DECEMBER 2, 2016

This trip to the Martin Luther exhibit in Minnesota will take place on December 2. This will likely be a one-day trip. Watch for information! Click on the picture of the **500th Anniversary – Reformation** on the front page of the Grace website for all matters related to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

NURSERY CARE DURING WORSHIP AT 10:45 SERVICE INTERMITTENT

Nursery care at the 10:45 service will be intermittent. We do not have enough volunteers for this service. The Nursery will be available to parents (or others) who wish to supervise their own child during 10:45 worship.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER BECOMING AN ASSISTING MINISTER

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to be more involved at church? Perhaps you should consider becoming an Assisting Minister. This has been described as a *very fulfilling ministry*. Please talk with Al Overhaug (715) 612-1111, or any of the other assisting ministers. They will be happy to answer questions and discuss concerns you may have.

HALLWAY BY COPIER ROOM TO BE DE-CLUTTERED – LAST CALL

If there is anything valuable to you in the hallway by the Copier Room, please make sure you retrieve it.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! Do you have craft ideas and the time to sew? The Tuesday Morning quilting group has fabric for you. Finished products will be sold at the December 10 Cookie Walk & Craft Sale. Call Darlene Wechsler at (715) 630-6471 if you can help.

ALUMINUM CANS

Thank you to everyone who has kindly dropped off their aluminum cans in the latticed area by the shed. We appreciate your generosity. All monies received from the collection of cans will go to debt reduction.

PLEASE, we only need empty aluminum cans. This is not recycling; we do not need bottles or soup cans. Thank you again.

AUTOMATIC GIVING INFORMATION—If you have chosen the option to have your offering taken directly out of your account, and you wish to increase (or make other changes) in your giving, you must make the changes by: 1) going online to your account via the Grace Lutheran web site, 2) fill out a new “Simply Giving” authorization form (they are green) in the Gathering Area and bring it to the church office.

OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING – OUR SISTERS’ HOUSE

October 5, 2016 marks the one-year anniversary of the opening our OSH!! So many things have been accomplished during our first year. We have hired competent staff, trained our amazing volunteers and most importantly we have been a guiding light to the 40 men, women and children who found refuge at the homeless shelter. We are profoundly thankful for the support the members of Grace have provided to this important mission. You have given your prayers, donations of food, fresh garden produce, beautiful quilts, basic need items, monetary support and time volunteering at the house or as drivers! Thank you for making OSH a top Servantship priority this year!! Volunteers are always needed, so if this is a cause that calls to your heart please call Tina, OSH House Director at 715-225-3520 for more information. There is also always a need for coffee, milk and Lysol Spray and Wipes. Thank you for your continued support!

God Bless,

Lori Winch – Three Rivers United Temporary Housing Board Member

Tina Elvins – OSH House Director

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— The major determinant of most peoples’ lifestyle is the income they receive. As raises and job promotions continue, along with rising stock prices, increased values in real estate, or receiving an inheritance, people will increase their standard of living. God wants us to enjoy life, but not to become overly fond of worldly possessions (1 Timothy 6:17). We can live comfortably without indulging in luxury. We should be satisfied with what we have without an insatiable craving for more. With Gods help, we can live responsible lifestyles and control our spending. When we live on less than what we can afford, we will have more opportunities to extend God’s kingdom through our generosity.

Our Financial Picture 2016	Needed for Monthly Budget	August 2016 Receipts	Difference
General Fund	\$30,858	\$24,587	(\$6,272)
Building Fund	\$5,076	\$5,307	\$231
Total	\$35,934	\$29,894	(\$6,040)
Year – To - Date	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016	Difference
General Fund	\$246,866	\$216,448	(\$30,417)
Building Fund	\$43,313	\$40,606	(\$2,706)
Total	\$290,178	\$257,055	(\$33,123)

Weekly Financial News

General Fund: \$10,109.08
Noisy Collection: \$14.50
Attendance: 285

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.

