

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (after Labor Day)

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

2017 BUDGET REQUESTS DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 3RD!

The Finance Committee of Grace Lutheran is requesting that all ministries and committees turn in their budget requests for the 2017 budget no later than **Monday, October 3rd**. You may turn your budgets in to the Church Office, or you may place them in the Finance Committee box in the Copier Room.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The boxes you see in the Gathering Area will be taken to Wausau next Saturday and then shipped to Lutheran World Relief. They contain quilts put together by the Tuesday Morning quilters, fifty-six sewing kits assembled by Ruth Circle, and school kits from Pastor Gerald & Joan Check. Lutheran World Relief sends them to where they are needed most. Please pray that these gifts are a blessing to those that receive them.

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 and give you a chance to know the staff side of our church family. We can be reached at (715) 453-4066. There will be a **Welcome Luncheon Meeting on 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.

CHANGE OR DIE: Building Vital Faith Communities – Thursday, October 13 in Pewaukee Siebert Lutheran Foundation's Annual Change or Die Conference gathers Lutheran leaders from all Wisconsin, ELCA, LC-MS, and WELS and provides exciting content. Contact Pastor Mark or the Church Office for information or to register. Rev. Sherrie Lorbeck, from Grace and Tomahawk, is one of the panelists.

ADVENT CANTATA PRACTICE BEGINS!

Practice for the Advent Cantata begins 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 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 Gods Word. Bring your own color book or let Margie know if you need one any inspirational color 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

ROOTS OF THE REFORMATION – Tuesday morning Study, next three weeks will be on "Luther Discovers Grace" Anyone is welcome to join us at 9:30 in the Lounge. Great preparation for the trip to Minneapolis Institute of Art.

- Tuesday, Oct. 4 Reformation Roots DVD, recent release is well done
- Tuesday, Oct. 11 examining the Scriptures that changed Martin Luther
- Tuesday, Oct. 18 Atlas of the European Reformations – additional copies have been ordered

TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ART TO VIEW MEMORABILIA OF MARTIN LUTHER

Date and price info will be coming soon for a one-day bus to Minneapolis. This will likely be a week day. Though not accommodating all it is aiming to be as affordable as possible and to bring back reports.

HALLWAY BY COPIER ROOM TO BE DE-CLUTTERED

The hallway leading to Pastor's office has become somewhat of a catch-all for quite a few things. If there is anything valuable to you in the hallway by the Copier Room, please make sure you retrieve it soon. We will be de-cluttering that area with the next two weeks.

DO YOU ENJOYING SEWING?

Here is an opportunity for you! The Tuesday Morning Grace Lutheran quilters are looking for those that enjoy sewing, to put together pre-printed vests, cloth books, and aprons. All fabric will be provided. The finished products will sold at the Cookie Walk/Craft Sale in December. Call Darlene Wechsler at (715) 630-6471, if you can help.

TOMAHAWK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will begin a new session on Saturday, October 29 at 10:00 am in the lounge at Grace. These Saturday sessions will run through November 26. If you have questions, please call Mona Cannady at 715 453-5017.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SIGN-UP SHEET

If you would like to host Sunday Morning Coffee, please see the yellow sign-up sheet under the Youth bulletin board.

HANDBELL CHOIR will practice at 5:00 pm on October 6 due to the Fall Fill-up beginning at 6:00.

TREASURER POSITION—Grace Lutheran Church is looking for someone to fill the church treasurer position. This is a job that consists of bookkeeping and accounting responsibilities and is a paid position with approximately ten hours per week. If you are interested or would like someone to contact you with more details, please call the church office, (715) 453-4066.

VIA DE CRISTO

Sign up now to attend the **November 3-6, 2016 Via de Cristo weekend** at Silver Birch Ranch near White Lake. This Christian growth experience is open to all baptized adults over 21 who wish to experience the love of Christ in many unique ways and learn how to show that love to others in their daily lives. Couples are encouraged to attend, although men’s and women’s activities will be held separately. Brochures and applications can be found on the wall rack near the welcome center. **Applications are due by October 2, and space is limited**- Give your completed application and payment to the office. Scholarships are available if the \$75 weekend fee is a hardship for you. Contact Nancy Kind at (715) 612-6034 or Pastor Mark if you have questions. This experience has been a blessing to over 40 people from Grace already- please prayerfully consider attending! You will be glad you did!

OLD BAG SALE RESULTS

Thank you again to everyone who helped with our Old Bag Sale. We raised over \$760.00 for the Salvation Army! Did you know that 86% of funds raised for our Tomahawk Salvation Army stay right in Tomahawk? We hope to do this sale

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, increases 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	<u>Difference</u>
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	<u>Difference</u>
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: \$5,265.25
 Noisy Collection: \$56.71
 Attendance: 250

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.