

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

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OCTOBER 22 & 23, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

CONGRATULATIONS to our young adults being confirmed this weekend at the 10:45 am service!

Hope Garrette Baacke

Jessica Lynn Johnson

Samuel von Schrader

Megan Louise Marcks

Abigail Jean Norman

Kamron Michael Olson

Whitney Renee Osero

Arianna Hope Schreiner

Kaylie Jean Svacina

Jacqueline Janet Wick

Kathryn Marie Volz

James Anthony Zastrow

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us between services this Sunday for a reception for the Confirmands.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to Corky & Bill Buralow, Julie & Jim Dentler, Bob & Leanne Setlak, Al Overhaug, the PPP guys and THRIVENT, for all the help last week/weekend during the office refresh! Corky and Julie did a fabulous job of choosing colors, painting the walls (with assists from Bill & Jim); Al and the PPP guys moved and repositioned furniture; Bob & Leanne Setlak removed the old blinds, retrofitted the new ones, cleaned up after the job was complete. This refresh was done without any funds from the church budget. A Thrivent Action Grant got the ball rolling. We are blessed! *Thank you so much.*

THANK YOU Marie Knipfer for the new Bunn coffee maker in the kitchen!

COFFEE HOUR BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 6, 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!

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – MEETING THIS WEEK

Contact the church office if you are willing to serve on this committee. This is to both review our current Constitution and the updates passed at the 2016 Church wide Assembly.

MARTIN LUTHER TRIP – December 2, 2016

This trip to the Martin Luther exhibit in Minneapolis is on Friday, December 2 leaving at 8:00 AM and returning approximately 8:00 PM. Cost will be \$40 with lunch and supper on your own. Registration information will come next week. Contact the church office if you are willing to be on the planning committee.

ADVENT CANTATA PRACTICE HAS BEGUN

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.



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 if you want to attend.



BIBLE MILESTONE - For parents and their Third Graders, Grace **Bible Milestone classes** are being held during the Sunday School hour, **9:40 - 10:40 on October 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

RUTH CIRCLE will meet Thursday, October 27, 9:30 at Marie Knipfer's.

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY TASK FORCE/CONVERSATION GROUP

Our Synod is looking for people who might be interested in being part of a Racial Justice Ministry Task Force/conversation group. The initial work will be a conversation about racial justice and then looking at how we as a synod, congregations and leaders can respond to the issues at hand. If you are interested in this ministry initiative, please contact: Pastor Barb Girod at goatgirl1954@yahoo.com or Pastor Jean DeVoll-Donaldson jean.d-d@ecsw.org.

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.

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— With more than 2,000 Bible verses in the Bible that relate to money and possessions, we can see that God is very interested in our attitude toward money and how we manage it. Money can be useful or harmful. It can be used to provide for the physical needs of our families, to help others, and to support the ministries of our churches along with mission efforts. Money can be misused when we squander it on our selfish indulgences. With God’s help, we can recognize the danger in loving money, and we can view it responsibly and faithfully so that it is used in ways that give God glory.

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

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| <p>Weekly Financial News General Fund: \$4,609.00 Noisy Collection: \$51.98 Attendance: 264</p> |
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| <p>For more information or details on the Financial Report, please contact Sherry Clements, Financial Reporter.</p> |
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| <p>**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.</p> |
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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.

