

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

GOOD NEWS EXTRA THIS WEEK! See the insert (same color as this one). Don't miss any of our Good News!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT/SEWING KIT TRANSPORTATION

Can you help transport quilts and sewing kits to Wausau on Saturday, October 7, between the hours of 8:00am and 12:00 noon? Our Tuesday quilt makers and Ruth Circle have been busy preparing quilts and sewing kits to be sent to those in need. If you have a covered trailer, van, or pick-up truck with a cover, we would really appreciate your help. Please call the office if you can help, (715) 453-4066. Directions will be provided.

We still need a few more drivers.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

- **Tuesday morning Bible study on Genesis – September 19th - 9:30-10:30am**
The Tuesday morning study will use a DVD series by Terence Fretheim, a well known Old Testament professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. We will spend 10-15 minutes watching the video and 40-45 minutes unpacking what we hear and discussing the applications for faith and life. Those who have used this series find it an engaging way to study the first fundamental stories of Scripture. You will be led to grasp the wonder of creation, human relationships, sin, freedom, promise, and God's grace.
- **Tuesday evening Bible study** will resume **September 26th - 7:00-8:00pm**. Join group leader Mark Gaedtke as he explores *The Shack – Study Guide*. Come and enjoy in this review of the groundbreaking New York Times bestseller. Learn how it has changed how so many of us think about who we are, and the healing power of close relationship with God. Highly recommended for anyone who has experienced devastating loss. Although having already read the book is recommended, the class will involve 15 minutes of watching excerpts from the film followed by 45 minutes of discussion.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL is starting again. Rehearsals are at 6:00 pm Tuesday nights before the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. All are welcome!

HANDBELL CHOIR begins Thursday, October 5 at 6:00 pm and continues on most Wednesday evenings through December 13. Join us for fun and fellowship! Musical experience is helpful. Call Carol at (715) 453-1954 if interested, and for our schedule.

CITY PARKING LOT UPGRADE

The City has a plan to repair, seal, and paint parking lines in the lot in addition to adding lights and electrical power points. Since it is costly, the current plan is to do the work in phases over 3 years. Grace can help this project move forward more quickly by offering our assistance. What a great way to show community support and appreciation. We want to give them an estimate of our support by their budget time in *mid-September*. Contributions may still be given for Phase 1 up until the project begins in the spring. A contribution graph can be found in the Gathering Space.

Please consider a contribution toward the upgrade of the City Parking Lot. You can indicate "Parking Lot" on your envelope. There are also special offering envelopes in the pews you can use if you wish. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Sherry Clements at (715) 453-5615.

2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONCERT PICNIC – OCTOBER 1ST 1:00 to 3:30 PM

The Associated Clergy of Tomahawk (Pastor Mark is a member) invite you to the 2nd Annual Community Concert Picnic in Memorial Park from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. There will be music, fellowship, and fun. Bring your own lawn chair! Meal and drinks will be provided! Rain location will be the Sara Park Ice arena.

2018 SYNOD TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA

Bishop Rev. Job Ubane (Western Diocese, ELCSA) and Bishop Rev. Jerry Mansholt (East Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA) have planned an opportunity for members from churches in our synod to travel to the Western Diocese during the time of July 5 to 17, 2018. Based on previous trips to South Africa, the projected cost for the 2018 trip would be between \$2,000 and \$2,500. The cost of the trip will be identified soon and there will be an application form to complete as well as a payment schedule to agree to before anyone is committed to travel.

UPDATE ON JEAN HUNTOON—Jean Huntoon is now at the Portage County Health Care Center, 825 Whiting Ave, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481. Jean is on hospice but at this time she is very alert and open to visitors.

FCA SPORTS BANQUET – OCTOBER 7 – 6:00PM

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is having a sports banquet at 6:00 pm, on Saturday, October 7, at Sara Park. There will multiple raffles, silent auction and dessert. Featured speaker will be Ray Howell. To make reservations please call (715) 897-5394, or (715) 966-5787. **See more details on the flyers in the Gathering Area.**

STEWARDSHIP—It can be said, “Most of what we learn is caught and not taught.” In order to catch something, we must come into close proximity—into relationship. God wants to build relationships with us through Jesus. There is no greater joy than a close relationship with Jesus. God also wants us to develop relationships with others, and our relationship with Jesus empowers us to be faithful stewards of those relationships. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are to love others as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39).

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING – MILK MONEY—Over 40% of Tomahawk Elementary School students are in the free or reduced-price lunch programs. Milk during lunch is included with those programs. However, elementary-aged kids in the Tomahawk school district also have a snack break. The milk distributed during this time is NOT covered by the free and reduced program. The families must have funds available in their lunch accounts if they wish for their children to have milk during snack time. Our September special offering will help to pay for snack break milk for these children if their families are unable to afford this cost. One carton of milk is 40 cents, so even a small offering can make a large difference!

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2017

	Aug. 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
	Receipts	Budget	vs BUDGET	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
AUGUST					
General Fund	\$25,426	\$31,357	(\$5,931)	\$37,138	(\$11,712)
Building Fund	\$5,485	\$5,076	\$409	\$5,076	\$409
Total	\$30,911	\$36,433	(\$5,522)	\$42,214	(\$11,303)
		YTD		YTD	YTD
	Receipts	Needed for	DIFFERENCE	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
YEAR-TO-DATE		Budget		SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$220,631	\$250,858	(\$30,227)	\$221,382	(\$751)
Building Fund	\$39,951	\$40,606	(\$655)	\$40,606	(\$665)
Total	\$260,582	\$291,465	(\$30,883)	\$261,988	(\$1,406)

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$4,385.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$88.98
<u>Attendance</u> 271

MORTGAGE UPDATE – HALFWAY POINT

The outpouring of support from our Grace family is again evident as we have reached a major milestone with the building loan. After our July payment, **the principal balance fell below the halfway mark** of \$614,886.50 at \$612,410.42! Your generosity is sincerely appreciated and applauded! God is good! All the time!

Sept. 16 & 17	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	No service	Cayden Johnson	Aiden Schreiner
Greeters		Tobias Family	Andy/Luann Kiander
Readers		Shirley Derleth	Dan Schuller
Ushers		Don/Carolyn Halverson Steve Kahle Marie Knipfer	Dawn LaFevre Mary Hoglund
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers		Paul Kurth	Jane Schuller
Communion Assistants		Lynn Brown Shirley Derleth	
Projection		Karen Torkelson	Eli Wurl
Altar Guild Lynn Brown Karen Suske Marie Stark	Counters Barb/Dewey Reilly Al Overhaug	Video Delivery Nancy Bronsted	Projection Keri Kelley

September 23 & 24	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	Child of God	Child of God	Child of God
Greeters	Bernice Mitchell Peggy Price	Al Tesch Bill/Arlene Strand Whitney Osero	Lois Langlois Mary Hoglund
Readers	George Derleth	Rita Meidam	Nancy Herbison
Ushers	Ron Leuenberg Mary Wilke	Dave/Cathy Schmit Jan/Larry Hagen	Child of God Mary Wilke
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Al Overhaug	Shirley Derleth	Wendy Black
Communion Assistants		Child of God Margie Welke	
Projection	Don Tinker	Whitney Osero	Betty Hudson
Altar Guild Lynn Brown Karen Suske Marie Stark	Counters Barb/Dewey Reilly Al Overhaug	Video Delivery Al Overhaug	Projection Jackie Leonhard

VIA DE CRISTO TEAM TRAINING WEEKEND: NOVEMBER 3-5, 2017 at Silver Birch Ranch

Northern Light Via de Cristo will hold a special weekend for training VDC members to serve on team for future weekends. Whether you've never served on team or you have served multiple times, this training weekend is for you! (In order to participate you must have already attended a VDC weekend). The weekend will include:

- Praise, worship, and music of the Praise Band
- Good food, comfortable accommodations
- Better understanding of your life in the Fourth Day
- How you can strengthen your role as part of the team
- Sessions to enhance your understanding of the VDC method
- Laughs, entertainment, and fellowship with like-minded believers
- Powerful lay testimonies, attitudes of servanthood and accountability

The cost is \$110, which includes registration, all meals, & two nights' lodging. **Register by October 3.** Registration forms are available on the VDC website or in the VDC mailbox at Grace. If you have questions, contact Nancy Kind at 715-612-6034.