

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

www.gracelutherantomahawk.org

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

WELCOME TO GOD'S KINGDOM Nathan John Wilke, Olivia Leigh Fletcher, Emma Jean Fletcher, Isaiah Nelson Fletcher and Tara Fletcher! Nathan, is the son of Chandelle Wilke. Olivia, Emma, and Isaiah are the children of Tara & Shane Fletcher. They will all be baptized at the 10:45 worship service this weekend.

OUR BLESSING AND GOOD WISHES to Ruth & Herb Heyne and Cindy & Randy Blair.

This Sunday at the 8:30 worship we will bless the Heyne's and Blairs as they leave our family of Grace. Herb & Ruth have moved to Wausau and are now members at St. Andrews on Mountain Drive. Randy & Cindy made the move to Medford to be closer to family; they will not be able to attend in person this weekend. They are becoming members of Community United Church in Medford where Cindy's mother is the organist.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS 75+ YEARS YOUNG! Please come to the Harvest Dinner on Sept 30, for fun, entertainment, and dinner. If you have not already called the church office (715) 453-4066, please do so as soon as possible. Hope to see you there.

INSTALLATION OF STAFF MEMBERS will take place this weekend at the 8:30 am worship service. Over the past 12 months we have added four new staff members: Shirley Derleth – Treasurer, Colleen Yirsa – Custodian, Sandi Pellicori – Secretary Support, and Renee Loka – Director of Confirmation. (*Renee was installed on Sept. 10*). Please introduce yourself to these ladies and welcome them to Grace.

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.

THANK YOU – Guatemala Mission Trip

Our trip to rebuild Christina's house was great. May thanks to all who supported the project with donations and prayers. A special thank you Sherry Thompson and the ladies that provided us with prayer shawls. More information and pictures will be forthcoming.

2018 BUDGET REQUESTS DUE NOW!!!

Committees and groups, PLEASE turn in your 2018 budget requests as soon as possible. **The absolute deadline is October 1st.** You may turn your budgets in to the Church Office, or you may place them in the Treasurer's box in the Copier Room.

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

Parking Lot Update

The generous people of Grace have, once again, answered the call! In just seven weeks, over \$3,800 was 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!

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 be 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— While on earth, Jesus demonstrated the way we are to act toward our heavenly Father, our families, our neighbors, and our world. Jesus lived the perfect, obedient life that we are unable to live. He was faithful where we are unfaithful. In spite of our disobedience and unfaithfulness, He calls us to be His stewards. He not only calls us, He equips and empowers us to carry out His work. “[We] can do all things through Him Who strengthens [us]” (Philippians 4:13). Placing our trust on Jesus, we become faithful stewards who grow to be more like Him.

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

AUGUST	Aug. 2017 Receipts	Needed for Budget	RECEIPTS vs BUDGET	ACTUAL SPENDING	RECEIPTS vs SPENDING
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 Receipts	YTD Needed for Budget	YTD DIFFERENCE	YTD ACTUAL SPENDING	YTD RECEIPTS 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> \$5,476.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$40.80
<u>Attendance</u> 172

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!

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	Wendy Black	Shirley Derleth	Al Overhaug
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

September 30 October 1	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	Mason Peck	Scout Stromberg	Ayla McCormick
Greeters	Dan/Kay Salewske	Jim/Jan VanNorman Jason/Jessie Stromberg Family	Jody/Emily Decker
Readers	Darlene Wurl	Chris Raasch	Jeannie Gudgeon
Ushers	George/Lynn Derleth	Jerry Jagmin Jack Lauder Kirsten/Megan Marck	Dan Schuller Bill Martinson
Nursery	-----	Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Herbison	Nancy Kind	Al Overhaug
Communion Assistants		Marie Stark Child of God	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Katy Volz	Dravin Schmit
Altar Guild Pat Jeske Sara Reiff Marcia Sattelberg	Counters Jim Pellitteri Corky Burcalow Ken Kincaid	Video Delivery Al Overhaug	Projection Lisa Elliott

2nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONCERT PICNIC

Sunday, October 1st 1:00pm to 3:30pm @ Memorial Park (rain location will be Sara Park Ice Arena) **Meal & drinks will be provided.** There will be music, fellowship and fun! Bring your lawn chair and come enjoy the day! Bringing Christ’s people together. Sponsored by the Associated Clergy of Tomahawk.

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.

September 30 October 1	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	Mason Peck	Scout Stromberg	Ayla McCormick
Greeters	Dan/Kay Salewske	Jim/Jan VanNorman Jason/Jessie Stromberg Family	Jody/Emily Decker
Readers	Darlene Wurl	Chris Raasch	Jeannie Gudgeon
Ushers	George/Lynn Derleth	Jerry Jagmin Jack Lauder Kirsten/Megan Marck	Dan Schuller Bill Martinson
Nursery	-----	Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Herbison	Nancy Kind	Al Overhaug
Communion Assistants		Marie Stark Child of God	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Katy Volz	Dravin Schmit
Altar Guild Pat Jeske Sara Reiff Marcia Sattelberg	Counters Jim Pellitteri Corky Burcalow Ken Kincaid	Video Delivery Al Overhaug	Projection Lisa Elliott