

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (after Labor Day)

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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the “Old Bag Purse Sale” a success!!! Special thanks to: Laurel Reinke, John Kromm @ Ben Franklin, Gregg Albert @ WJJQ, Al Overhaug (& Abby), Deb Schultz, and Leanne Setlak. Also, we want to thank our friends at the United Methodist Church for letting us use their hall last Saturday. To date, we have received over \$500 from all the donated purses. Every penny will be donated to the Salvation Army – Tomahawk.

OLD BAG SALE CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND & NEXT WEEKEND!!!

It's not too late to get a “new” purse for very little money. We have purses in the Gathering Area and LOTS more in front of the Youth Room and in Fellowship Hall. Don't have purse shoppers' remorse - stop by and check out our Old Bags. We are sure there is a purse that is calling your name. **If you find something you like, please use the receptacle in the Narthex to pay for your purchase.** All proceeds will go the Salvation Army – Tomahawk.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES HAVE BEGUN

Tuesday Evening – 7:00 PM

Paul's letter to the Romans is so important to Christianity, particularly Protestant Christianity, that it is sometimes referred to as “the fifth Gospel.” As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation approaches, it is appropriate that we, as Lutherans, spend some serious time studying this epistle. Join us for study, discussion, and coffee (cookies too), for one hour every **Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM**. You will need a bible, a pad of paper, and a pencil. There is no charge for other materials.

Tuesday Morning– 9:30 AM

For another preparation for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation the **Tuesday morning study**. A three-week cycle of video, Scripture, and memorabilia will guide us into thirteen influences we received from the Reformation. We will start with a key woman of that Reformation, Katherine Von Bora.

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.

EMPTY NEST MILESTONE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – 6:00 to 7:30 PM

This is for parents of freshman college students (first last or in between child.) We know it's not easy to send a child off to college. Please join us for supper and fellowship. Share your story and hear some from others that have been empty nesters for a while. Call Margie with questions at (715) 453-5797 or Wendy at (715) 453-4066. We hope to see you on Friday, September 23, at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES SPORTS BANQUET –SEPTEMBER 24 – 5:30 PM

The banquet takes places at the Sara Park Activity Center. Grace is sponsoring a table each for 9th, 10th and 11th grades. Adults are welcome at a cost of \$12.50 (except the adults hosting tables). Call the Church Office, (715) 453-4066 to save a seat with Grace, or arrange directly with FCA at (715) 897-5394. Justin Gaiche, the featured speaker, is dedicated to educating sportsmen on tactics and techniques for better hunting /fishing adventures and seeing the outdoors as a God-given gift, challenging us to be stewards of God's creation.

VIA DE CRISTO

Do you feel God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him? Do you want to be energized in your faith life? If so, consider attending the next **Via de Cristo** weekend, **November 3-6, 2016**. Over 40 people from Grace (and others from Tomahawk) have attended this event, and come back with a new vision of how they can make a difference in their environments. The cost of the weekend (all meals and lodging included) is \$75, and a sponsor will drive you to and from Silver Birch Ranch near White Lake. The weekend starts Thursday evening after supper and ends Sunday afternoon. Please take a brochure from the poster in gathering space and fill out an application. (Give it to church office with your payment no later than **October 2**.) Married couples are encouraged to attend together if possible. Scholarships are available-see Pastor Mark. If you have questions, contact Nancy Kind at 715-612-6034 or check out the website: www.northernlightvdc.com.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS - A GIFT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Our Confirmation Ministry begins another year with our 8th & 9th graders on Wednesday, September 21. We are looking for mentors (both male and female) to accompany our 8th grade class on their 2-year journey. The primary responsibility of a mentor is to build a Christian relationship with these young people through small group discussions, prayer, and encouragement. Class is from 6:30-8:00 pm each Wednesday evening. Mentors will receive special training and are not required to be a Bible expert or an experienced teacher, just have a deep love for Jesus and young people. You will discover that spending time with these amazing kids will be as much a gift to you as it is to them! Is God calling you to be a part of this important ministry at Grace?

Please contact Jen Beaumier, Wendy Black, or Pastor Mark if you are interested or have any questions. We are praying that God will lift up just the right group of mentors for this faith-forming journey! Is it you?

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR PRACTICES will be every Tuesday night at 6:00 pm. We welcome all returning choir members and any new singers or musicians. We will continue having contemporary worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at the 8:30 am service.

HANDBELL CHOIR NEWS—We are looking for more ringers and would love to answer any questions that you have. You can try ringing the bells to see if this ministry is for YOU! We practice on most Wednesdays at 6:00. If you are interested, please call Carol at (715) 453-1954, or email csparrr2250@aol.com.

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.

"Tell Your Story" - Witnesses to Mission and Grace

Using your gifts on behalf of God's mission is a wonderful experience and opportunity to open your heart to God and others in so many ways. We want to lift up those experiences here at Grace as we "Tell Our Story".

Please prayerfully consider articulating in writing or verbally the impact those experiences have had on your life and on the lives of others. **Please fill out a "Tell Your Story" form found in the gathering space**, which we will then include either in upcoming videos, bulletins, newsletters, or website blogs. Please indicate on the form which format you would like your story to be told.

So that we can include some of these during our Fall Stewardship Emphasis, please place your stories in the Stewardship Committee mailbox at church. Contact Shirley Derleth if you have any questions.

The more stories we can include, the better, so don't hesitate to "Tell Your Story"!

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING – KINSHIP OF TOMAHAWK

Kinship of Tomahawk is a non-profit youth mentoring organization that has been matching children ages five to eighteen with adult role models (individuals, couples, or families) for nearly eighteen years. Kinship currently has forty-six children matched with mentors and eighteen children still on the waiting list.

Other programming offered through Kinship includes:

KinsKlub is an afternoon program which is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. for youth in kindergarten through 5th grade and on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 5th through 12th grades. This program runs year around with bus service provided to Kinship during the school year. KinsKlub consists of tutoring (homework assistance), healthy snacks, games and physical activities, community service projects, educational programming including 4H, Nutrition Education, the "Be Safe" Program, and more. Volunteers are welcome to come and help with homework, community service projects, and to just hang out with the youth as positive adult role models.

Friends Program is an in-school program which matches high school students and elementary age youth. Kinship provides a coordinator to assist with the program. In this program, the high school friends meet with their little friends once a week to mentor them during the school day.

Tomahawk ABC (anti-bullying committee) is a group of concerned citizens who have come together to address the serious issue of bullying in our school and community. We are always looking for volunteers interested in being part of the group

STEWARDSHIP CORNER—When Mary entered the room with the alabaster jar of perfume, Jesus knew that she wanted to use the perfume to anoint Him. Restraining Mary from such a lavish expression of love might have been in keeping with our Lord's deep sense of personal humility, but He did not stop her. It seems that Jesus used this as a teaching moment to focus on giving as a matter of the heart. Jesus saw in Mary's heart a depth of love that He wanted His disciples to see, as well as all of us who read her story in Mark 14:3-9. The disciples focused on what they perceived to be the wasted perfume, whereas Mary's use of the expensive perfume demonstrated her love and devotion for her Savior.

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: \$5,235.00
 Noisy Collection: \$57.71
 Attendance: 268

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.

