

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships*

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**SEPTEMBER 24 & 25, 2016**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (after Labor Day)

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

**OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** go out the family of Violet Herma who died September 18. Violet was the grandmother of Mindy (Rich) Gabrich. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

## **2017 BUDGET REQUESTS DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

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 October 1st. **No changes will be allowed after that date.** You may turn your budgets in to the Church Office, or you may place them in the Finance Committee box in the Copier Room.

## **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.

## **OLD BAG SALE ENDING THIS WEEKEND – EVERYTHING HALF PRICE**

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. **LAST CHANCE.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION MENTORS** – Heidi Lemmer, Ron Wilson, Claudia Ziemer, Mike Madaj, and Dan & Jane Schuller as subs.

## **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



## *High School Youth Night- Grades 8 - 12*

**Who:** All Youth Ages 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**When:** Saturday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Meet at Grace Lutheran 5pm. Returning between 10:30 & 11pm.

**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 (715) 453-4066 by Wednesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY - OCTOBER 23 - 10:45 AM**

The tenth grade class of Grace Lutheran will be confirmed on Sunday, October 23, at the 10:45 am worship service. Everyone is invited to share this milestone.

This year the Confirmation youth will present their Faith Boards! They will be displayed in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 the day of Confirmation. *Please come and see what they have created.* Feel free to ask questions. Please keep our young people in prayer.

**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.

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

**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!

*"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 the poor widow dropped her two small copper coins in the offering box, Jesus was watching (Luke 21:1-4). He saw and heard the wealthy make a lot of noise with their offerings, but her giving was very quiet. The wealthy gave more, but their offerings were given from their surplus. The poor widow gave all that she had. Jesus saw a big difference between what was in the hearts of the wealthy and the heart of the poor widow. Her heart was full of love and trust. By giving all she had, she set the highest standard for our generosity. Her motivations were pure. The wealthy were receiving the praise of others, but the poor widow received Jesus' praise. May her story inspire our faithful giving.

<b>Our Financial Picture 2016</b>	Needed for Monthly Budget	August 2016 Receipts	<b>Difference</b>
General Fund	\$30,858	\$24,587	<b>(\$6,272)</b>
Building Fund	\$5,076	\$5,307	<b>\$231</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,934</b>	<b>\$29,894</b>	<b>(\$6,040)</b>
<b>Year – To - Date</b>	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016	<b>Difference</b>
General Fund	\$246,866	\$216,448	<b>(\$30,417)</b>
Building Fund	\$43,313	\$40,606	<b>(\$2,706)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$290,178</b>	<b>\$257,055</b>	<b>(\$33,123)</b>

**Weekly Financial News**  
 General Fund: \$3,536.00  
 Noisy Collection: \$56.31  
 Attendance: 193

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.



