

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

PRAYERS AND THANKS from Pastor John Roth and Food for the Poor

Pastor John Roth phoned with great joy for the more than \$7,000 received from Grace for the ministry of Food for the Poor. This included a house one couple donated. For more information and ways to give go to www.foodforthe poor.org . Please pray for Bonnie, Pastor Roth's wife who fell last week and broke her leg.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP – SIGN UP

Please consider helping with the worship ministries at one of the Christmas services. Your help is very important! You can sign up on the board right outside the church office, call the church office, or you can go to the following website: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094fada72fa2f85-christmas2>

SAVE THIS DATE – DECEMBER 16 – 5:00 PM

The Sunday School children will present their Christmas program on Saturday, December 16 at the 5:00 pm worship! *See the spoiler alert in the upcoming newsletter* ☺

MARTIN LUTHER/REFORMATION BOOKS ARE IN!!!

If you ordered any of the Martin Luther/Reformation 500 books, you can find them in the Library.

COMPANION BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY – BETWEEN SERVICES

The Sunday Morning Coffee Hour will be hosting this month's Companion Breakfast! Everyone is welcome

TUESDAY 9:30AM STUDY – Women with Stories

Right out recent events, this Tuesday, December 7 are the stories of Dinah and Tamar, Genesis 34 and 38, and the sexual abuse done to them by men of power. Study sheets for session 8 and 9 are on the table in the Gathering Space.

THE FUNERAL COMMITTEE is sending out a call for some good-hearted people who will answer our call to fill a few positions, which will be turned over due to age, health problems and travel months of the year.

Some of us have been with this very rewarding and needed ministry since it began over 45 years ago and to be honest, we think it is time to retire.

We have many wonderful hard-working and dedicated workers but we need the following!

- Someone to order food (Nelson's delivers!) and paying the bill for the food, (*we have an account for this.*)
- Someone to call workers to help prepare and serve the meal.
- Men for clean-up. (*What a blessing they are* ☺)
- Someone to call people in the congregation to bake cakes.

We have lists of workers and recipes for meals. **The fellowship in this group is GREAT!**

Please give this some prayerful thought and if you feel this is a way you could serve, please call the church office at (715) 453-4066.

ONLY DAYS TO GO!



The 2017 Cookie Walk, Lefse, and Craft Sale will be Saturday, December 9th! Craft sale doors open at 8:30 am and the Cookie Walk/Lefse Sale begins at 9:30 am. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area so stop by and take a look. If you want lefse it must be pre-ordered. Lefse is \$6.00/pkg of three, and cookies are \$8.00/pound. There are many opportunities to help and every helping hand is truly appreciated! Feel free to contact Julie Dentler at (715) 453-4970 with any questions.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS – Please drop off your crafts projects for the Cookie Walk/Lefse/Craft Sale this week!!!

QUILT AUCTION - The Tuesday morning quilting group from Grace has donated a beautiful quilt for the Cookie Walk/Craft Sale. This quilt will be displayed in the Gathering Space through December 11 with a sign-up sheet for silent bidding. Deadline for bidding will be Monday, December 11, 3:30 p.m. The quilt is 71" by 47" and would be a lovely gift for someone - or for yourself!

2018 TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA – July 4-17 Talk to Pastor Mark or Karen Torkelson for current information. Bishop Mansholt is leading this trip for all 125 congregations in our synod. After orientation at the Western Diocese Centre with Bishop Ubane each congregation will spend July 8-15 with their matched parish. Lekubu Parish is Grace's companion. This is an incredible, immersed experience of faith, life and worship in different culture that provides great insight for seeing our own more clearly. Lekubu and the Western Diocese belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa.

WILDERNESS TRIP 2018—Planned date for the 2018 Wilderness Trip is Friday, July 21 – Sunday, July 29. The planned destination is the Lake Plateau area of southern Montana. This is a super area for fishing, hiking, mountain climbing and scenery. PLUS Christikon Bible Camp offers a Chalet and programming for OWLs or others who want to come along and be renewed in the mountains. Call the church office to let us know if you are interested.

BUILDING UTILIZATION

- It is once again time to review the meeting and storage requirements of all the groups that use the Grace Lutheran facilities. A Building Use Survey has been placed in each of the mailboxes in the copy room. We are asking all groups to complete and return their surveys by **TODAY**. Extra copies of the survey are available in the gathering space for anyone who would like to offer input.
- A Building Utilization Committee will review the results of this survey and communicate its results, along with any ideas for changes in how spaces are utilized. If you are interested in serving on this group, please see Sherry Clements or call at 715-453-5615.

We have been blessed with such a beautiful house of worship and we want to be good stewards in our use of this wonderful facility.

2018 SPECIAL OFFERING REQUESTS—As you sense God’s call to promote a specific mission at Grace, in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, USA or the world – please consider promoting a Special Monthly Offering at Grace. Pick up a “Special Offering Request Form” from the church office, from our website or the rack in the hallway just off the Gathering Area. In early January, the Grace Lutheran Stewardship Committee will review all requests and assign specific months for Special Offerings. The Church Council receives this Stewardship Committee monthly Special Offering designation in their consent agenda.

DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING – GIFT GIVING

During this joyous season of giving, we invite you to consider a gift either to ELCA Good Gifts or locally to Grace. As you search your heart for ways *you* want to give, here are some ideas.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS:

The ELCA Good Gifts catalog offers opportunities to give to a multitude of very important needs and you may give in honor of someone special. Perhaps a perfect gift for someone who has everything.

ELCA Good Gift Catalogs are available in the Gathering Space. You pick what you give: farm animals, fish farm, water wells, filters, irrigation, sending children to school, school supplies, refugee support, blankets, health care, mosquito nets, and others.

GRACE:

There are many ways to give at Grace to a specific cause:

- Grace’s Gift Catalog includes a Security System
- Items are needed to refresh and upgrade our Sunday School rooms (bulletin boards, book cases, shelving, etc.) Watch for details in the December bulletins.
- ELW Hymnals – These may be sponsored in honor or memory of someone or an event.
- Grace’s Building Fund – This year we passed the half-way point on the mortgage for our building addition. A gift to the Building Fund will help pay this down sooner.
- Gift to Grace’s General Fund – an additional boost at the end of the year can encourage more ministries for 2018

Please designate where you want your gift to be directed. Any undesignated gifts will be applied to Grace’s General Fund. Thank you for your extravagant generosity.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY—In Ephesians 2:10, the Apostle Paul wrote, *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”* The Greek word for “workmanship” is “masterpiece.” You are unique. God doesn’t make junk. You are perfectly shaped. You have a special purpose. You have your own personality and passions, and God has a special purpose for you. Possibly you’ve been asked at work or church to take on some extra responsibility. How did you respond? Doing something challenging and accepting more responsibility can be a wonderful way to develop your talents. Knowing you can tap into God’s strength (Philippians 4:13) makes it easier because you will not be alone. God has done and will do extraordinary things through ordinary people.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2017

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Sept. 2017 <u>Receipts</u>	<i>Needed for</i> <u>Budget</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u> vs BUDGET	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>SPENDING</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u> vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$30,909	\$31,357	(\$448)	\$30,786	\$123
Building Fund	<u>\$4,852</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$224)</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$224)</u>
Total	\$35,761	\$36,433	(\$672)	\$35,862	(\$101)
		<i>YTD</i>		<i>YTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Needed for</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>SPENDING</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u> vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$276,107	\$313,573	(\$37,466)	\$281,996	(\$5,889)
Building Fund	<u>\$49,162</u>	<u>\$50,758</u>	<u>(\$1,596)</u>	<u>\$50,758</u>	<u>(\$1,596)</u>
Total	\$325,269	\$364,331	(\$39,062)	\$332,754	(\$7,485)

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$3,555.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$54.59
<u>Attendance</u> 203

Dec. 2 & 3	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	Mason Peck	Amalie Kurth	Ellie Witulski
Greeters	Karen Olson Peggy Price	Bill/Arlene Strand Jim/Jan VanNorman	Lois Langlois Mary Wilke
Readers	Kathy Wolff	Rita Meidam	Dan Schuller
Ushers	George/Lynn Derleth	Marie Knipfer Dar Clements Larry/Jan Hagen	Mary Hoglund Dan Schuller
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Karen Olson	Corey Colburn	Jane Schuller
Communion Assistants		Al Overhaug Eric Anderson	
Projection	Don Tinker	Paula Norman	Tami Olson
Altar Guild Sara Volz Stephanie Pellitteri Peggy Winter	Counters Jack Lauder Corky Burcalow Julie Dentler	Video Delivery Torkelsons Organist: Laurie Schmidt	Projection Jackie Leonhard

Dec. 9/10	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	Garrett Nelson	Halle Derleth	Haley Liebelt
Greeters	Dan/Kay Salewske	Stromberg Family Pete/Lynn Wurl	Jody/Emily Decker
Readers	Karen Olson	Eric Anderson	Nancy Herbison
Ushers	Ed/Chris Raasch	Brett Beaumier Steve Kahle Bill Erickson John Krueger	Greg/Steve Heikkinen
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Communion Assistants		Whitney Osero Marie Stark	
Projection	Jason Mielke	Brynn Beaumier	Kam Olson
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