

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

WELCOME PASTOR NANCY RICHMOND!

Pastor Nancy will preside at all worship services this weekend.

Thank you to our wonderful Cantata Choir for your amazing presentation at all services this weekend.

Choir:

Sherry Clements
Lisa Elliott
Robin Schmidt
Ron Volz

Gail Wilson
Carey Heikkinen
Nancy Herbison
Earl Thomas

Nona Arthur
Mary Wessel
Marcia Sattelberg
Dan Schuller

Heather Kurth
Laurie Schmidt
Martin Schmidt

Pianists: Carey Heikkinen and Laurie Schmidt **Organist:** Marcia Sattelberg

Director: Corey Colburn

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the families of Adeline Voermans, and Donald Popp.

- Adeline died December 26. Her burial and graveside service will be held in the spring.
- Donald, brother of Oscar (Diane) Popp, died on December 25. A graveside service will be held in the spring.

May these families be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP – YOU ARE INVITED!

First Wednesday Worship is **January 3 at 6:30 pm**, with a meal to precede worship. Come affirm and grow your prayer life. There will time to share prayer memories and stories from your growing up years and now.

There will be opportunities for prayer partners to connect as well. Use the Bible to find some simple prayers for everyday use.

THINGS TO CONSIDER AT THE END OF THE YEAR

- Give joyfully! Lots of suggestions in this Good News to make a difference locally and globally giving time or money.
- Grow in 2018! Via de Cristo weekend March 15-18; Synod Trip to South Africa July 4-18; Retreat with Greater Galilee Aug. 3-5 at Pine Lake Camp, Waupaca.

2018 SYNOD TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA – July 4-18

Consider joining this group to visit our synod's companion the Western Diocese of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa this summer, July 8-14. Estimated cost is \$2,000-\$2,500. This is an incredible immersion experience in another culture at a phenomenally low cost; well guided by both our and their Bishop; traveling with 50+ people from our synod visiting Nelson Mandela's home in Soweto; then each congregation immersed in their unique matched parish (Lekubu for Grace); with reflection time at the end and a two day option (July 17-19) seeing Africa's "big five" in the Pilanesberg Game Reserve. The above mentioned cost, includes airfare, game reserve, and overnight and travel costs in South Africa. Pick up application and registration from Church Office or speak with Pastor Mark or Karen Torkelson.

Deadline to apply/register is January 31, 2018.

SNOW REMOVAL

Grace Lutheran's PPPP (Prayer, Paint, Pound & Pie) group are looking for volunteers to assist in the removal of snow this winter season. We need individuals who are physically capable and willing to operate shovels, snow blowers, and spread salt within 24 hours (Tomahawk City Ordinance) of snow events. If you are interested in volunteering for this service, please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area, call the church office (715) 453-4066 and leave your name and a phone number, or you can email dhetzel@gracetomahawk.org. If we are successful in getting a number of volunteer, we will attempt to develop some kind of rotating basis to share the work evenly. Please call John Pashek if you have any questions, (715) 453-2683. THANK YOU!

SPECIAL OFFERING REQUESTS FOR 2018—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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2018 are ready to pick up in the Gathering Area. Please call the office if you cannot find your envelopes.

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: *(A higher percentage of your donation goes to the cause than most charities)*

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:

- A Security System for Grace
- Items are needed to refresh and upgrade our Sunday School rooms (bulletin boards, book cases, shelving, etc.) *See details in a separate insert in this bulletin.*
- 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— Over two thousand years ago, the world received its greatest gift. That is when God gave His Son to be born in a manger to fulfill the plan for our salvation. God’s gift was planned centuries before it was given. God didn’t give His leftovers. What is the greatest, best gift He could give? Himself! And so He did in the Person of His Son, Jesus. He gave His Son Who gave His life. What gift could be more appropriate? Christ is exactly what we need! What He wants from us is our hearts.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2017

	NOV 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
	Receipts	Budget	vs BUDGET	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
NOVEMBER					
General Fund	\$24,781	\$31,357	(\$6,576)	\$37,354	(\$12,573)
Building Fund	\$3,650	\$5,076	(\$1,426)	\$5,076	(\$1,426)
Total	\$28,431	\$36,433	(\$8,002)	\$42,430	(\$13,999)
		YTD		YTD	YTD
	Receipts	Needed for	DIFFERENCE	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
YEAR-TO-DATE		Budget		SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$300,888	\$344,930	(\$44,042)	\$314,275	(\$13,387)
Building Fund	\$52,812	\$55,834	(\$3,022)	\$55,834	(\$3,022)
Total	\$353,700	\$400,764	(\$47,064)	\$370,109	(\$16,409)

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$15,888.37
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$109.09
<u>Attendance</u> 679

Dec. 30/31	5:00 pm - Cantata	8:30 am - Cantata	10:45 am - Cantata
Acolytes	Child of God	Child of God	Child of God
Greeters	Rose Hoff Dar Kluball	Don/Carolyn Halverson Marie Knipfer, Al Tesch	Andy/Luann Kiander
Readers	Pastor Nancy	Pastor Nancy	Pastor Nancy
Ushers	Dave Dettmering Karen Olson	George/Lynn Derleth Tom/Donna Stone	Dawn LaFevre Marilyn Smith
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Al Overhaug	Shirley Derleth	Kam Olson
Communion Assistants		Children of God	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Mike Wick	Betty Hudson
Altar Guild	Counters Sara Volz Stephanie Pellitteri Peggy Winter	Video Delivery Corky Burcalow Julie Dentler Organist: Marcia Sattelberg	Projection Keri Kelley

Jan 6/7 2018	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	Child of God		
Greeters	Bernice Mitchell Sherry Thompson	Terry/Sarah Mann Family	Jody/Emily Decker
Readers	Kathleen Wolff	Rita Meidam	Jeannie Gudgeon
Ushers	Jeanette Lovsletten Ron Lueneberg	Chris/Ed Raasch Renee Raasch Jim Van Norman	Greg/Steve Heikkinen
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Karen Olson	Corey Colburn	Jane Schuller
Communion Assistants		Margie Welke Brynn Beaumier	
Projection	Don Tinker	Whitney Osero	Dravin Schmit
Altar Guild	Counters	Video Delivery Al Overhang Organist:	Projection