

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship*

**JANUARY 13 & 14, 2018**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (through Memorial Day)

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

## **2018 FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION & CELEBRATION – See the insert**

- **Preparation is planned for a one-block session on Wednesday, January 24 at 4:00 – 7:30 pm.** Please note that this is a change from what we initially had scheduled. This preparation is necessary and unique as Pastor Ziemer will cover the background, meaning, and gifts of Holy Communion.
- **Sunday, February 11 at 8:30 Worship** is the scheduled time to receive First Communion for all who attend the preparatory event.
- **Sunday, March 18 at 5:00 PM** will be a potluck supper “Seder Meal” follow up celebration for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders and for all who receive their First Communion in 2018.

## **2018 SYNOD TRIP TO South Africa - July 4-18**

This is an incredible immersion experience provided by the Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa: It will be by our Bishop; greeted by the leaders of the Western Diocese; with each congregation immersed in their unique matched parish (Lekubu for Grace); and reflection time at the end. There is also a two day option (July 17-19) to see Africa's "big five" in the Pilanesberg Game Reserve. Estimated cost is \$2,000-\$2,500 which includes airfare, game reserve, overnight and travel costs in South Africa. Deadline to apply/register is January 31, 2018.

- Application and registration are available from the Church Office or in the Gathering Space.
- Several from Grace are planning to fly out of Chicago at 10:30pm July 4<sup>th</sup> at a lower cost. Please respond before January 15<sup>th</sup> if interested in this flight.

## **CHRISTIKON BIBLE CAMP RESERVING SPACE FOR GRACE – JULY 22-26** (travel time is July 21-29)

This is a peaceful, mountain setting in the Beartooth Wilderness in southern Montana. Christikon has penciled in four rooms reserved in their Living Center for July 22-26. Price is \$400/person – includes food, lodging, and transportation to and from Big Timber, MT. To see it go to: <http://christikon.org/about/living-center> while traveling together, this is a separate group and activity coordinated with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Wilderness Trip. Talk with Pastor Mark on additional costs for bus and overnights while traveling.

**COLORING BIBLE STUDY**—Do you like to color, want to do a bible study but do not have a lot of time to study. This is the bible study for you we will meet on Mondays for the month of January and February from 5:30 to 7:00. We relax while we talk about the bible text and reflex on what God is saying to us. Come join us. If you have questions call/talk to Margie Welke 715-453-5797 or 715-966-5497.

## **TUESDAY STUDIES – CHALLENGING, ENLIGHTENING, HELPFUL**

- Every Tuesday morning 9:30 AM is study on the book of Exodus and its significant relevance for today. This week's study is “From Slavery to Dancing”
- Every Tuesday 7:00 PM is “Learning to Live Loved” based on a movie scene out of “The Shack.”

**LENTEN SOUP MEALS**—Soup, soup, *delicious soup!!* It is time to start planning for six weeks of Lenten soup meals. **With your help**, Grace will be serving soup meals during Lent. Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14, two meals will be served every Wednesday – **lunch starting at 11:30** and **supper at 5:30**. Please prayerfully consider your role and how you can help. Help is needed in many different ways: by making your favorite soup, helping in the kitchen, or providing needed supplies. The sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Area. Thank you from the Fellowship Committee



**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP** on Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>rd</sup> at the Fellowship Companion Breakfast. Immediately after 8:30 worship service. Pancakes, egg bakes, fruit and overall fellowship. Free will donation accepted.

## **SAVE THESE DATES – FEBRUARY 16 & 17 – CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT “VIBRANT FAITH FOR AGES & STAGES”**

Our congregational retreat will take place on February 16 & 17 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rhinelander. Tom Schwolert, Coach and Trainer with Virbrant Faith will lead this Retreat. Partner congregations hosting this event include Ascension-Mincoqua, Grace-Tomahawk, Mt. Calvary-Rothchild, Prince of Peace-Eagle River, Trinity-Rhinelander, and Northern Great Lakes Synod. There is no cost for Grace Lutheran members. To sign-up, please call the church office (Grace) by February 12. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**PAINT STORAGE**—During a tour of the Grace facility, we found several cans of paint stored in the closet under the back stairs going down to the Sunday School/kitchenette area. If you stored any of that paint there or know what it is for, please contact Sherry Clements 453-5615 as soon as possible. All unidentified paint will be discarded in February. Thank you for your prompt attention.

**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](mailto: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!

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

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are available in the Gathering Area. Please pick them up before the end of January.

**JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERING - DAMASCUS ROAD - HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Damascus Road is a faith-based human trafficking restoration program. It’s shocking to consider that one of the busiest times for traffickers is during such a largely celebrated event as the Super Bowl. Your generous donation is used to guide girls out of this despair and give them the tools to create a healthy life.

**STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY**— Stewardship embraces God’s wisdom in the management of our physical, mental, and spiritual lives, and the exercise of our God-given gifts and skills. We acknowledge that God is the source of our gifts and skills which are to be used for His purposes. Our stewardship encompasses the protection of human life—caring for the young, disabled, and those who are oppressed. God calls us to be stewards of our families, neighborhoods, places of work, churches, and all nations. We are caretakers of God’s creation including the animals and environment. God has entrusted all these to us. How blessed we are that God has given us this wonderful honor to be His stewards! He not only gives us this privilege, but He also equips us to be faithful in our stewardship.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE  
2017

	DEC 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$49,864	\$31,157	\$18,507	\$42,174	\$7,690
Building Fund	\$7,329	\$5,076	\$2,253	\$5,076	\$2,253
Total	\$57,193	\$36,433	\$20,760	\$47,250	\$9,943
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>YTD Receipts</u>	<u>YTD Needed for Budget</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL SPENDING</u>	<u>YTD RECEIPTS vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$350,752	\$376,288	(\$25,536)	\$351,420	(\$668)
Building Fund	\$60,141	\$60,910	(\$769)	\$60,910	(\$769)
Total	\$410,893	\$437,197	(\$26,304)	\$412,330,	(\$1,437)

<b>Weekly Financial News</b>
<u>General Fund</u> \$8,490.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$50.47
<u>Attendance</u> 214

Jan 13/14	5:00 pm	8:30 am (Contemporary)	10:45 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Eli Mullen	Halle Derleth	Haley Liebelt
<b>Greeters</b>	Karen Olson Peggy Price	John/Kari Krueger Megan Marcks	Marilyn Smith
<b>Readers</b>	Gail Wilson	Eric Anderson	Al Overhaug
<b>Ushers</b>	Darwin Kluball	Wick Family	Bill Martinson Mary Hogleund
<b>Nursery</b>		<b>Child of God</b>	<b>Child of God</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Gail Wilson	Shirley Derleth	Al Overhaug
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Lynn Brown Shirley Derleth	
<b>Projection</b>	Jason Mielke	Brynn Beaumier	Kam Olson
<b>Altar Guild</b> Sandy Wick Betty Hudson Dawn LaFevre	<b>Counters</b> Wayne & Sue Mielke Darwin Kluball	<b>Video Delivery</b> Al Overhaug  <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Projection</b> Karen Torkelson

Jan 20/21	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sadie Liebelt	Robin Schmidt	Morgan Hansmann
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan/Kay Salewske	<b>Children of God</b> Bill/Arlene Strand	Jim/Donna Olson
<b>Readers</b>	Darwin Kluball	Laurie Schmidt	Nona Arthur
<b>Ushers</b>	Darwin Kluball Dar Clements	Don/Carolyn Halverson Jerry Jagmin Jack Lauder	<b>Child of God</b> Dawn LaFevre
<b>Nursery</b>		<b>Child of God</b>	<b>Child of God</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Mark Gaedtke	Paul Kurth	Nancy Herbison
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Megan Marcks Eric Anderson	
<b>Projection</b>	Sue Mielke	Paula Norman	Tammy Olson
<b>Altar Guild</b> Sandy Wick Betty Hudson Dawn LaFevre	<b>Counters</b> Darwin Kluball Wayne & Sue Mielke	<b>Video Delivery</b> Nancy Bronsted  <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Projection</b> Paula Norman