

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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JANUARY 20 & 21, 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

WELCOME TO GOD’S KINGDOM Corbin McKinnley Boyd! Corbin will be baptized this Sunday at the 10:45 service. He is the son of Zachary & Ashely Boyd. His sponsors are: Nick & Whitney Osero, Brandon Graap, and Ashley Romatoski.

ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE

If you wish you may pick up a copy of the Annual Report in the Gathering Space. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting (next Sunday, Jan. 28 at 10:00 am), please bring the report with you.

ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 at 10:00 AM

No 10:45 worship! Annual Reports are available in the Gathering Space.

Nominations for Church Council election: Steve Garrison, Laurie Schmidt, Paul Kurth, Christie Schmit, and for the Youth position are: Jackie Wick and Abbie Norman. A nomination from the floor will be needed to complete a two year term.

Other positions to be voted at the Annual Meeting:

- Two people for the Endowment Committee for 3-year terms - maximum of two consecutive terms.
- Six people for the Nominating Committee for 1-year term that can be renewed once.
- Three people to attend the Synod Assembly on May 18-19, 2018 in Oshkosh, WI.
- Unlimited number to attend the Conference Assembly Feb. 10, 2018 at Immanuel in Wausau.
- Three representatives from Grace to each of the following annual meetings: Crossways Camping Ministry on Feb. 24 in Neenah; Gustavus Adolphus College on April 21 in St. Peter, MN; and Homme Inc. in September in Wittenberg.

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 5th graders and for all who receive their First Communion in 2018.

SYNOD TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA - July 4-18

Our ELCA companion relationships are a great experience of church and culture. Our synod’s companion is the Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. Contact Pastor Mark for more information. Registration and Application forms are in the Gathering Space. Due date is January 31.



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

YOUTH MOVIE AFTERNOON – THIS SUNDAY – JANUARY 21

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited. The movie is “Wonder” and it is rated PG. We will meet at the church at 1:30 pm and will walk to and from the movie. Afterwards there will be time to talk about the movie. Pick up time is 4:00 pm.

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 9th grade Wilderness Trip. Talk with Pastor Mark on additional costs for bus and overnights while traveling.

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.

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

COLORING BIBLE STUDY—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.

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.

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.

Grace Lutheran was privileged earlier this month to witness the testimony of Lisa Sennholz; founder and executive director of Damascus Road, a faith-based restoration program for human trafficking. Perhaps you will consider to pray for these victims who so desperately need it. If you would like to adopt a girl in prayer, simply meet with Heather Kurth in the gathering area between services. There you will be offered a card with the girl's initials and story. "Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between His will and it's accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit's prayer." -Elizabeth Elliot

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY—God's faithful stewards are Christ-centered people who invest all they are and all they have for God's purposes. In the Bible, stewards are portrayed as caretakers of someone else's property. They are given the responsibility of managing what their owners own. God has created and designated us as His stewards (Genesis 1:28-30). As such, we are the managers of His affairs here on earth. We are God's stewards because all that we are and have belongs to God. Even our lives are not our own, because it is Christ Who lives in us. In Galatians 2:20 Paul writes, *"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

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

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$3,908.37
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$43.28
<u>Attendance</u> 183

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

Jan 27/28	5:00 pm	8:30 am	NO SERVICE
Acolytes	Child of God	(Contemporary) Scout Stromberg	Annual Mtg.
Greeters	Dar Clements Rose Hoff	Jason/Jessie Stromberg Jim/Jan VanNorman	
Readers	Nancy Herbison	Laurie Schmidt	
Ushers	Georgie Crass John Kromm	Brett Beaumier Marie Knipfer Tom/Donna Stone	
Nursery		Child of God	
Assisting Ministers	Joe Story	Corey Colburn	
Communion Assistants		Child of God Al Overhaug	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Mike Wick	
Altar Guild Sandy Wick Betty Hudson Dawn LaFevre	Counters Darwin Kluball Wayne & Sue Mielke	Video Delivery Torkelsons Organist:	Projection Keri Kelley

