

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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**JANUARY 27 & 28, 2018**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (through Memorial Day)

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

**WELCOME TO GOD’S KINGDOM** Dylan Joyce Cook! Dylan will be baptized at the 8:30 worship today. She is the daughter of Samantha & Harley Cook. His sponsors are Lindsay Freilich and David Frelich.

## **ANNUAL MEETING – THIS 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.

## **WINTER FUN DAY – THIS SUNDAY AT NOON!**

This is Grace’s 6<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Fun Day at Camp Forest Springs for all ages. Read a book in the Café or hit the slopes and trails. Only charge is for tubing and downhill skiing and renting skis, snowboards or snowshoes. Carpool from Grace at noon. Return at 5:00 or according to your car’s desires.

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP** on Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fellowship Companion Breakfast.

Immediately after 8:30 worship service. Pancakes, egg bakes, fruit and overall fellowship.

Free will donation accepted.

**LENT PREVIEW** – Almost every year, Lent sneaks up on us and all of a sudden it's Ash Wednesday and we haven't thought about what we'll do special for Lent. We end up choosing hastily or more often, doing nothing. You can make your Lent different this year. Take a bit of time before Lent begins to be intentional about your Lenten practice. Pastor Nancy Richmond will be leading a Lent Preview on Sunday, February 4, (a week and a half before Lent begins) during breakfast between services. While we enjoy our companion breakfast, she will introduce the coming season and offer suggestions, resources and ideas to help you choose a way to have a Lent that is more meaningful to you. There will be ideas for families and people of all ages and interests.

## **MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP – BEGINNING FEBRUARY 14 – THREE DIFFERENT EMPHASES**

Both 1:00 & 6:30 worship on Ash Wednesday and in Holy Week will be the same, leading us into repentance and Jesus’ death for us. On the five Wednesdays in between – Feb. 21 & 28, March, 7, 14, 21 - 1:00 and 6:30 worship will be completely different.

- 1:00 pm Worship all at Grace will be “Five Characters in the Passion Story: the woman, Judas, Peter, the young man, and Pilate”
- 6:30 pm worship shared with St. Mary Catholic Church – Feb. 21 & 28 at St. Mary and March 7, 14, 21 at Grace will follow the Study Guide on “From Conflict to Communion” prepared for the 500<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Reformation

**LENTEN SOUP MEALS—How can you help? . . .** Please check the SOUP MEAL charts in the Gathering Area and see if you can fill in a blank square. Help in the kitchen? Make soup? Donate an item? Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Please sign up at the table in the Gathering Area and please *include your telephone number*. Thank you from the Fellowship Committee

**FIRST COMMUNION** is on Transfiguration Sunday, February 11 at 8:30 Worship.

**SYNOD ADVOCACY TRAINING** event Saturday, February 3, 10:00-4:00, Trinity Lutheran, Waupaca  
See the brochure in the Gathering Space

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

Our congregational retreat is February 16 & 17 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rhinelander. Tom Schwolert, Coach and Trainer with Vibrant Faith will lead this Retreat. 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.

**MARRIAGE MILESTONE – FEBRUARY 18 BETWEEN SERVICES** – Everyone is WELCOME to join us for this milestone. The EYG youth (those attending the Evangelical Youth Gathering in Houston this summer) will be helping with this event. There will be anniversary cake, bread braids, and coffee.

**INTRODUCTION TO STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS – WEBINAR**

You are invited to participate in a one-hour web-based information meeting. We'll watch it in the Fellowship Room on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm.

**2018 SYNOD TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA –** The deadline has passed, openings may remain.

The synod will know soon if there are seats still available from the block reserved in October. Contact the Church Office or talk with Pastor Mark.

**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.

**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—** Giving faithfully and generously is an indication that we recognize God's lordship of our lives and that we acknowledge His ownership of all that we have. By grace, we are enabled to believe that God is the creator and owner of everything. *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein..."* (Psalm 24:1). By grace, God gives us the ability to work and earn our incomes (Deuteronomy 8:18). We give because God has first given to us. As we grow in our faith, our perspective changes from "How much should I give?" to "How much of God's money am I going to keep?" It is only by God's grace that we give and that we have money to give.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE  
2017

DECEMBER	DEC 2017 Receipts	Needed for Budget	RECEIPTS vs BUDGET	ACTUAL SPENDING	RECEIPTS vs SPENDING
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
	YTD Receipts	YTD Needed for Budget	YTD DIFFERENCE	YTD ACTUAL SPENDING	YTD RECEIPTS vs SPENDING
YEAR-TO-DATE	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)

<b>Weekly Financial News</b>
<u>General Fund</u> \$3,859.25
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$55.18
<u>Attendance</u> 237

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

Feb 2/3	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mason Peck	Cayden Johnson	Ayla McCormick
<b>Greeters</b>	Bernice Mitchell Sherry Thompson	Pete/Lynn Wurl Tom/Donna Stone	Andy/Luann Kiander
<b>Readers</b>	Nona Arthur	Sandy Wick	Gail Wilson
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Dettmering <b>Child of God</b>	Megan/Kirsten Marcks Jack Lauder Jerry Jagmin	Mary Hoglund <b>Child of God</b>
<b>Nursery</b>		Child of God	Child of God
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Karen Olson	Corey Colburn	Gail Wilson
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Margie Welke Whitney Osero	
<b>Projection</b>	Don Tinker	James Zastrow	Betty Hudson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Counters</b> Sue Mielke Donna Olson Karen Torkelson	<b>Video Delivery</b> Al Overhaug	<b>Projection</b> Jackie Leonhard

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FOUR WWII CHAPLAINS**

Generations Funeral Home and Crematory and The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2687 would like to invite you to the memorial service to honor four WWII Army Chaplains, all of a different faith, who gave their lives to save others. Tomahawk Area Youth will present this remembrance ceremony for the Chaplains. This short service to honor these men will be held Sunday, February 4 at 1:30 pm at Generations Funeral Home. Fellowship will follow.

