

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY go out to the family of Elaine Gunderson Andersen who died Saturday, Feb. 17. Elaine was the mother of Paul (Dotti) Andersen. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY go out to the family of Herbie Narloch who died February 17. Herbie was the father of Don (Debbie) Narloch. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

BREAD BRAIDS (Coffee Cakes)

The EYG group still has a few bread braids (coffee cakes) left. These are really good! If you would like to purchase one, please contact Margie Welke, (715) 966-5497. All proceeds will help the youth (EYG) group travel to Houston in July.

KIDS NIGHT OUT – MARCH 23 – 6:00 TO 9:00 PM

We will have games, crafts, movie, and snacks for you. The Group going to EYG in Houston this summer will be offering this event for the children. A minimum donation of \$5.00 per child would be appreciated. Please register ahead of time so we can make plans for the event. Some of the youth are certified babysitters and we will have also adults to help. Call Margie at (715) 453-5797, (715) 966-5497 or the Church office at (715) 453-4066

LAST WEEK OF SURPLUS SALE

Items that have been identified as no longer needed at Grace are being offered in a free-will Rummage Sale. These items are on display in the Fellowship Hall. If you can use any of the displayed items, please take them and leave your donation in the bucket on the table. Four tables are also being offered for sale as silent auction items. Bids are due by noon on Sunday, Feb. 25. Proceeds of this sale will be used for storage needs. Remaining items will be discarded. **Stop up and check it out!** There's all kinds of things: a large nativity set, paint, frames, bulletin boards, decorations, lamps, vacuum cleaner, microwave, chalkboard, electronics, ladder, garbage can, sweeper, tables, and much more. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Building Utilization Committee: Corky Burcalow, Sherry Clements, Patti Gaedtke, or Margie Welke.

MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP – SEE THE INSERT IN THIS BULLETIN

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

SIGN UP NOW to attend the March 15-18 Via de Cristo weekend at Forest Springs Camp near Woodboro. This Christian growth experience is open to all baptized adults who wish to experience the love of Christ in many unique ways and learn how to show that love to others their daily lives. Married couples are encouraged to attend together, although men's and women's activities will be held separately. Brochures and applications can be found on the special display in the Gathering Area. **Applications are due by March 1**, and space is limited—give your completed application and fee to Debbie in the church office. Scholarships are available if the \$75 weekend fee is a hardship for you. Contact Pastor Mark or Gail Wilson if you have questions. This experience has been a blessing to over 35 people from Grace. Please prayerfully consider attending! You will be glad you did.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING -- YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION

This is a fitting special offering in light of our synod's trip to South Africa. Lekubu Parish, Grace Lutheran's companion parish in South Africa, has hosted two YAGMs. They do not have one currently but most years there is at least one placed in the Western Diocese which is the companion Diocese to our synod. YAGMs are considered missionaries, and with that title comes a heavy weight, especially in Africa. Missionaries have, in the past, come to Africa and told people that they need to change in order to be accepted. The YAGM model attempts to change that idea of what we are as missionaries. We aren't here to change people; we are here to understand people, to learn more about what is happening in these different corners of the world, and to see new ways in which God is working around the globe. In this way, our communities are serving us, because they are helping to teach us how to better serve our world. See more information in the February newsletter.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY— Our giving to God through our church takes on new perspective and meaning when we recognize that we are only returning to God what He has already given to us. *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,"* we read in Psalm 24:1. We are only caretakers of God's property. We are managers of everything and owners of nothing. The next time we consider our level of giving, we may find it helpful to look at it from this perspective: "How much of God's money am I going to keep?" A little girl exclaimed, "Poor Jesus!" when her mother told her that she had to give only one dime of her ten-dime allowance. May you acquire the same unselfish attitude as the little girl when you come to the Lord each week with your offering.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2018

	JAN 2018	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
	Receipts	Budget	vs BUDGET	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
JANUARY					
General Fund	\$29,627	\$36,852	(\$7,225)	\$26,008	\$3,619
Building Fund	\$3,445	\$5,076	(\$1,631)	\$5,076	(\$1,631)
Total	\$33,072	\$41,928	(\$8,856)	\$31,084	\$1,988
	YTD	YTD	DIFFERENCE	YTD	YTD
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YEAR-TO-DATE				SPENDING	vs SPENDING
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Weekly
Financial
News
General Fund
<i>(Including Lent)</i>
\$4,328.75
Noisy Collection
\$49.34
Attendance
203 Sat./Sun.
160 Ash Weds.

Feb 24/25	5:00 pm	8:30 am (Contemporary)	10:45 am
Acolytes	Garrett Nelson	Macey Mann	Logan Schreiner
Greeters	Dar Kluball Child of God	Gary/Judy Calhoun Don/Carolyn Halverson	Jody/Emily Decker
Readers	Chris Raasch	Eric Anderson	Jeannie Gudgeon
Ushers	Chris/Ed Raasch	Jim VanNorman Margie Welke Brett Beaumier Jerry Jagmin	Dawn LaFevre Marilyn Smith
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Joe Story	Shirley Derleth	Jane Schuller
Communion Assistants		Whitney Osero Lynn Brown	
Projection	Sue Mielke	Paula Norman	Tami Olson
Altar Guild Sue Mielke Donna Olson Karen Torkelson	Counters Kathy David Heather Kurth Corky Burcalow	Video Delivery Torkelsons	Projection Paula Norman

March 3/4	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	Sadie Leibelt	Martin Schmidt	Halle Derleth
Greeters	Dan/Kay Salweske	Heather/Jesse Tobias Family Al Tesch	Jim/Donna Olson
Readers	Nancy Herbison	Mary Wessel	Dan Schuller
Ushers	Dar Clements Jeanette Lovsletten	Don/Carolyn Halverson Marie Knipfer Child of God	Dan Schuller Mary Hoglund
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Al Overhaug	Corey Colburn	Gail Wilson
Communion Assistants		Megan Marcks Margie Welke	
Projection	Don Tinker	Brynn Beaumier	Bety Hudson
Altar Guild Georgie Crass Rita Hligendorf Heather Niede	Counters Linda Pashek Bob LaNou Julie Dentler	Video Delivery Al Overhaug	Projection Keri Kelley