

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Companionship Breakfast for the fellowship/coffee hour! The coffee hour is a self-funded ministry, so your donations will help to ensure we can continue to offer refreshments and fellowship between services. Thank you again!

THANK YOU—The EYG youth and adults going to Houston this summer would like to thank everyone who donated to our Souper Bowl Soup. We made over 500 touchdowns with your help. We are over half way to our goal. Watch as the amount rises on our thermometer in the Gathering Space. Also kids don't forget to register for **KIDS NIGHT OUT Friday February 23 from 6pm. to 9pm.**

Thank You 2018 EYG Group

BUILDING UTILIZATION UPDATE – Review of Surplus Items: Round 1

- Thank you to all who have completed the building use surveys that were placed in your mail boxes. This will give the Building Utilization Committee valuable information on how our spaces are used.
- During the recent building survey process, many items were identified by various groups as no longer being needed in their area, and we found some things we don't know where they came from or who they belong to. These items have been collected and will be on display for the next two weeks in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. Please take time to review these items. If any are needed or can be used by your ministry at Grace, please take them. **The remaining items will be offered in a “free will” two-week rummage sale, beginning next weekend – Feb 17-18,** with proceeds going to storage needs. After that, left over items will be disposed. Since we have more areas to go through, we may have a Round 2 in the future.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact a member of the Building Utilization Committee: Corky Buralow, Sherry Clements, Patti Gaedtke, or Margie Welke.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED

Grace Lutheran is seeking a custodian to work approximately 12-16 hours per week, depending on events/needs. Applications are available in the Gathering Area under the bulletin board. They can be dropped off in the Church Office when completed. (Our current custodian is leaving due to health reasons.)

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14 – 1:00 & 7:00 PM WORSHIP AT GRACE

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. Both services, 1:00 & 7:00 pm, are at Grace Lutheran. Soup meals will precede the services beginning at 11:30 am and 5:15 pm. All are welcome.

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 500th 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 this Sunday, February 11 at 8:30 Worship. Those children receiving communion for the first time are:

Jack Derleth	Lauren Hansmann	Jax Loka	Kiannah Mullen
Mya Pankow	Tyler Sundquist	Madilynn Tobias	Sean Towne
Aaron Wanta	Blake Hafeman	Malachi Scheffler	

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.

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.

2018 SYNOD TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA – JULY 4-18 Forty plus people have registered across our synod. Group tickets remain for first come, first serve. Contact Church Office.

CHRISTIKON BIBLE CAMP - SOUTHERN MONTANA – July 22-26 (travel time is July 21-29) Travel with the 9th graders and parents and enjoy the setting, day hikes and programs of Christikon, www.christikon.org, staying in their Living Center. Contact Church Office.

DO YOU FEEL GOD CALLING you to a deeper relationship with Him? Do you want to be energized in your faith life? If so, consider attending the next **Via de Cristo weekend, March 15-18, 2018**. Over 35 people from Grace (and others from Tomahawk) have attended this event, and come back with a new vision of how they can make a difference in their environments. The cost of the weekend (all meals and lodging included) is \$75, and a sponsor will drive you to and from Forest Springs Camp near Westboro. The weekend starts Thursday evening after supper and ends Sunday afternoon. Please take a brochure from the special display in the Gathering Space and fill out an application and give it to the church office with payments by March 1st. Married couples are encouraged to attend together if possible. Scholarships are available – see Pastor Mark. If you have questions, ask Pastor Mark, Gail Wilson, or check out the website: www.northernlightvdc.com.

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—In God’s Word, we find Biblical stewardship truths God has given us relating to giving. God wants us to honor Him with the first portion of our incomes. He exhorts us to give in proportion to how we are blessed. He encourages us to give regularly and cheerfully. He wants us to excel in the grace of giving. God tells us that our giving tests the sincerity of our hearts and that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Through our giving, we worship and glorify God, and, through our faithful giving, God blesses us.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2017

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

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$11,088.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$32.22
<u>Attendance</u> 189

Feb 10/11	5:00 pm	8:30 am (Contemporary)	10:45 am
Acolytes	Eli Mullen	Cayley Scholz	Halle Derleth
Greeters	Karen Olson Peggy Price	Zastrow Family Marcie Schmit	Jody/Emily Decker
Readers	Darlene Wurl	Chris Raasch	Jeannie Gudgeon
Ushers	Jeannette Lovsletten Ron Lueneberg	Dar Clements Marie Knipfer Ed/Chris Raasch	Dawn LaFevre Marilyn Smith
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Gail Wilson	Al Overhaug	Al Overhaug
Communion Assistants		Megan Marcks Lynn Brown	
Projection	Jason Mielke	Whitney Osero	Tami Olson
Altar Guild Sue Mielke Donna Olson Karen Torkelson	Counters Kathy David Heather Kurth Corky Burcalow	Video Delivery Al Overhaug	Projection Chris Raasch

Feb 17/18	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:45 am
Acolytes	Schreiner	Sam Kurth	Child of God
Greeters	Dar Clements Rose Hoff	Paul/Dotti Andersen Fran Anderson	Lois Langlois Marilyn Smith
Readers	Dar Kluball	Shirley Derleth	Nancy Herbison
Ushers	Dar Kluball Peggy Price	John Krueger Renee Raasch Tom/Donna Stone	Steve/Greg Heikkinen
Nursery		Child of God	Child of God
Assisting Ministers	Mark Gaedtke	Paul Kurth	Nancy Herbison
Communion Assistants		Eric Anderson Shirley Derleth	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Mike Wick	Dravin Schmit
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OUR SISTERS’ HOUSE SOUPER SOUP FUNDRAISER – SAT.- FEB. 17 – 4:00 to 6:30PM

Everyone is invited to St. Mary’s Corpus Christi Center to support Our Sisters’ House (Temporary Homeless Shelter.) **There will be soup, bread, dessert & a drink for a \$10 per person donation.** Area restaurants will compete for the Golden Ladle Award for best soup! Raffles, games, baskets and door prizes will be part of the fun. For more information call (715) 224-3520