

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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**MARCH 3 & 4, 2018**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (through Memorial Day)

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

## **WELCOME PASTOR NANCY RICHMOND AS future CONTRACTED PASTOR AT GRACE**

Please prayerfully discern and give your input on how Pastor Nancy's gifts may best serve God's mission. Pastor Nancy was introduced at the Annual Meeting and is preaching and presiding at worship today. In the annual report both Pastors Cannady and Check stated that they will be doing less in 2018 at Grace. Pastor Check now has the title of "Guest Pastor" and will continue to assist when there is a need. Pastor Cannady continues as Visitation Pastor but is making less visits. Pastor Nancy Richmond is serving as our "Supply Pastor," but her exact title and the contract description is still being developed by her, Pastor Mark and the Church Council. As she is learning the people and ministries of Grace please prayerfully discern with her where and how her gifts can best support the life and ministry of Grace.

**OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** go out to the family of Nancy Prooyen who died February 17. Nancy was the sister of Shirley Anderson. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who prayed for me over the last couple of weeks, (two surgeries in two days.) I am home from the hospital and up and about. *Arlene Strand*

**THANK YOU LIBRARY TEAM**—Notice the books by Billy Graham! The Library Team places books of current interest on the table in the Gathering Room.

## **EASTER SERVICES – WE NEED YOU!**

See the Easter Service Sign-up board in the Gathering Area or got to Sign Up Genius and sign up there. See the link on Grace's web site.

## **SAVE THE DATE! GRACE LUTHERAN'S 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

**Worship - 10 am**

**Meal in Fellowship Hall - 11:30 am**

Grace would like to invite all members to worship and a catered meal to celebrate our congregation's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Bishop Mansholt will be presiding.

A minimal fee will be charged to offset the meal cost. Sign up will begin mid-March in the gathering space and by calling the church office. More details will be forth coming. Save the date!

## **FAIR TRADE TODAY!**

Our Fair Trade coffees, tees, and chocolates are offered in the gathering space this weekend. These items are sold at our cost, simply to support small farmers around the world. As always, we thank you for your support of this valuable ministry!

## **LAST CALL FOR SOUTH AFRICA – JULY 4-18**

March 15 is the final deadline for the airline (total cost is \$1550 – airline plus in-country overnight and travel). We have two members from Grace Lutheran (Marie Stark & Pastor Mark), as well as 46 people from our Synod going on the trip to our synod's companion the Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. Orientations have begun and our Bishop is in regular communication with the Western Diocese Bishop in preparations.

## **IF IT'S WEDNESDAY, IT'S SOUP DAY!**

If you have been joining us every Wednesday, we thank you. If you have not, please plan on joining us this week and the remaining Wednesdays, for a bowl (or two) of soup made by the best chefs in town, members of Grace. **For the next three Wednesday evenings we will be welcoming our brothers and sisters in Christ from St. Mary's.** There are still sign up slots available to help or donate items.

## **CHURCH LADIES DINER REOPENS APRIL 7 & 8!**

Mark your calendars for the Church Ladies Diner to reopen April 7 & 8 at the annual WJJQ Home, Sport, and Travel Show. The Diner's great success is only possible through the tremendous support of the people of Grace Lutheran. It is truly a team effort. Once again we are seeking your help. There are many way to get involved; setup, baking, serving, donating baked goods, soda, water, and of course coming to the Diner for lunch! You won't be disappointed. **Margie will be whipping up her famous hot beef sandwiches; Al will be grilling brats,** and there will be delectable baked goods available for dessert. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area. Proceeds will go to: South African Creche, Grace House maintenance, and Grace Church (specific fund to be determined.)

**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.

**TUESDAY 9:30 AM BIBLE STUDY – CONTINUING**

The Tuesday morning study continues this Tuesday, March 6 (we will skip March 20 & 27) studying the golden calf in Exodus 32-33. **The evening study on “The Shack” has concluded.** It will begin again in September on Parables of Jesus.

**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

**A COUPLE IDEAS – Building Utilization**

As the Building Utilization Committee discusses ideas that are presented, we will communicate these items with the congregation to offer people an opportunity to share their opinions. We support these suggestions.

1. Move the Fellowship Hall piano to the NE corner of the room so it isn't against an outside wall.
2. Add shelves to the wooden coat racks in the meeting room. Hang the window treatments that were removed from the Fellowship Hall on the coat rack and also in front of the 'wilderness' bookcase in the corner so the area doesn't look so cluttered.

If you would like to share your input on these ideas, 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

**MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING—TAIV**

What is TAIV? It is the Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers, a nonprofit volunteer organization that was originally formed by members of Grace Lutheran Church. This marks the 10 Year Anniversary for TAIV as a charitable organization that helps seniors and/or disabled of all ages to live in the residence of their choice by providing volunteer services and some transportation as needed.

How You Can Help! Become a TAIV VOLUNTEER to ensure all calls for our help and services can be answered. Volunteers decide what services they can provide as well as how many hours they would like to volunteer per week or month. TAIV volunteer forms are in the office hallway or at the Senior Center. Make a DONATION to help fund our many services. To donate, please use the special offering envelope in the pew and mark it as Special Offering. CARE-RECIPIERS needing our services may be referred to TAIV by calling the TAIV office at (715) 453-8200 for a registration form. You will find more information on TAIV in the Gathering Space and office hallway. You can purchase tickets to our TAIV ANNUAL DINNER THEATER which will be Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Inshalla Country Club. This is our big fundraiser that is a fun community event. Donations for our raffle from businesses and local talent are appreciated.

**STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY—** We have entered the season of Lent. This penitential time in the church year offers more opportunities for the people to gather – all the people – regardless of age or ability, status or phase of life. Let us take advantage of our worship and fellowship opportunities – opportunities to be fed by Word and Sacrament. As we worship, corporately or privately, let us “*rend [our] hearts*” (Joel 2:13). Let us repent of our waywardness and self-centered attitudes. Let us say, “*Spare Your people, O Lord*” (Joel 2:17).

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	<u>\$3,445</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$1,631)</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$1,631)</u>
Total	\$33,072	\$41,928	(\$8,856)	\$31,084	\$1,988
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<b>Weekly Financial News</b>
<u>General Fund</u> (Including Lent) \$2,850.20
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$25.50
<u>Attendance</u> 179 - Sat./Sun. 50 - Weds .

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

March 10/11	5:00 pm	8:30 am <i>(Contemporary)</i>	10:45 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ellie Witulski	Geena Wanta	Haley Liebelt
<b>Greeters</b>	Peggy Price Sherry Thompson	John/Kari Krueger Bill/Arlene Strand	Andy/Luann Kiander
<b>Readers</b>	Karen Olson	Kathy Wolff	Nancy Herbison
<b>Ushers</b>	Georgianne Crass John Kromm	Ed/Chris Raasch Megan/Kirsten Marcks	Steve/Greg Heikkinen
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<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Gail Wilson	Al Overhaug	Nancy Herbison
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Joe Story Eric Anderson	
<b>Projection</b>	Jason Mielke	Nichole Scholz	Kam Olson
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