

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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APRIL 21 & 22, 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(April 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 2018)

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

See announcement below regarding temporary worship time changes.

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY go out to the family of Agnes Pokela who died January 4. Her Memorial service was held at Grace Lutheran on Saturday. Agnes was the mother of Wendy (Dennis) Mannering. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

SINGERS/MUSICIANS WANTED FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

There will be a practice on Thursday, April 26th 6:00pm at church for anyone interested in singing or playing for the 125th anniversary service. This group will lead the hymns during the service and sing during offering and communion. All music will be familiar and easy to learn. Let's celebrate Grace's anniversary with a joyful noise!! Call or text Lisa Elliott at 715/551-7444 with questions. See you at practice 4/26 6:00pm.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP PLANNING & VOLUNTEERS

It is hard to believe it is time for planning outdoor worship with two feet of snow on the ground! But soon the sun will shine, the grass will be green, and the lake will open up!

Summer Outdoor Worship begins on May 27th! If you are interested in helping with the coordination of Outdoor Worship, attend our planning meeting on Thursday, May 3rd at 5:00 pm at church.

We will also begin scheduling outdoor worship volunteers. Your help as Usher, Assisting Minister, Reader, Offering Delivery, Singer (individual, small group, large group), and Musician (guitar, piano, or any other instrument that can be used to lead music) is greatly appreciated at any of the outdoor services. To volunteer, sign-up on the poster in the gathering space after the planning meeting, or contact the church office 715-453-4066 or Lisa Elliott 715-551-7444. Thank you!

Remember! Next Sunday there is only ONE service at 10AM

Grace Lutheran's 125th 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 125th anniversary, Bishop Mansholt will be presiding at the single worship service at 10:00 am. There will be special music and something from our Sunday School children.

RSVP SOON! To RSVP for the meal, there will be a reservation table set up in the Gathering Area until April 22nd. You can sign up at this table which will be manned during worship services or you can contact the church office. To get a count for the caterers and help offset the costs involved, there will be a small charge – see below. Ages 11 & up - \$5, ages 4 to 10 - \$3, age 3 & under - free. There will be a maximum family limit of \$15. Please sign up soon (deadline April 22nd) and join in the fun.

LETS EXPERIMENT! WORSHIP TIMES TEMPORARILY CHANGE

There has been much discussion about ways we might change our Sunday service times at Grace. The Worship Ministry Group and Church Council have decided to experiment with some of the ideas and see how they work.

The first idea we'll try is to temporarily change Sunday to a single service at 9:00 AM with Sunday School from 10:00-11:00 AM. Since our 125th Anniversary will be celebrated with a single Sunday service at 10:00 AM on April 29, we will use the following three weeks to try our experimental schedule as listed below. This will lead us into our summer schedule with 8:30 AM worship at Grace and 10:00 AM outdoor worship at Schaefer's Wharf. After this 3-week trial, we'll be asking for your opinions about this experimental schedule. Your feedback will be very important to help determine what other trial schedules should be tried.

April 29.....10:00 AM—One Service - 11:30 AM Congregational Luncheon

May 6.....9:00 AM One Service w/Fellowship to follow - 10:00–11:00 AM Sunday School

May 13.....9:00 AM- One Service @ w/Fellowship to follow - No Sunday School – Mother's Day

May 20.....9:00 AM—One Service @ w/Fellowship to follow - Sunday School Celebration (Last Day) 10-11 AM

May 27.....8:30 AM Service @ Grace - 10:00 AM Outdoor Service at Schaefer's Wharf

Worship Ministry Group—Christi Lobermeier, Mary Wessel, Sherry Clements, Wendy Black

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT GRACE? This Sunday, April 22, at 12:00 noon, we invite you to have lunch with us in Fellowship Hall. Learn more about becoming a member of Grace and about Grace's ministry. You can get to know the staff, ask questions, and enjoy a delicious lunch. *This event was originally scheduled for last weekend (4/15) but was postponed due to the snow storm.*

ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! The Baccalaureate service will be May 20 at 9:00 am with coffee and donuts to follow. The Graduate Family Brunch will be at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Please get your Graduation, Baptism, and toddler pictures to Margie Welke by May 5. You can send electronic pictures (awelkes@gmail.com) or drop off hard copies at the church office. Hard copies will be returned to you.

BEN'S BLOOMERS & CERNY'S GIFT CARDS will be available to purchase beginning this weekend! See the table in the Gathering Space. All Profits will help the EYG & Wilderness Groups reach their goals.

APRIL SPECIAL OFFERING - CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The special offering for April is for the campership fund for ALL Grace youth in grades 1-8 to attend **Crossways' Waypost Camp**. Many claim a week at Bible Camp as the greatest faith experience in their life and many others as the best week of summer. Prayer partners, consider sponsoring your partner. Designate your gift in his/her name. Adults, please think of the future generation of the church and support the youth who will experience lasting memories and faith building as a result of your support.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY— We don't always put our money where our mouths are, but we certainly put our money where our hearts are. Jesus said, *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"* (Matthew 6:21). If Jesus is our treasure and we love Him with all our hearts, we will use our money responsibly and wisely in response to that love. Therefore, our giving can be a good indicator of our spiritual health. Those of us who are generous with our money are likely to be spiritually healthy. However, if we are selfish with our money and use it only for ourselves, we are sick spiritually.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2018

| MARCH | MAR 2018 Receipts | Needed for Budget | RECEIPTS vs BUDGET | ACTUAL SPENDING | RECEIPTS vs SPENDING |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| General Fund | \$31,518 | \$36,852 | (\$5,334) | \$31,152 | \$366 |
| Building Fund | <u>\$4,251</u> | <u>\$5,076</u> | (\$825) | <u>\$5,076</u> | (\$825) |
| Total | \$35,769 | \$41,928 | (\$6,159) | \$36,228 | (\$459) |
| | | YTD | | YTD | YTD |
| | YTD | Needed for | | ACTUAL | RECEIPTS |
| <u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u> | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>DIFFERENCE</u> | <u>SPENDING</u> | <u>vs SPENDING</u> |
| General Fund | \$85,830 | \$110,557 | (\$24,727) | \$87,048 | (\$1,218) |
| Building Fund | <u>\$12,012</u> | <u>\$15,228</u> | (\$3,216) | <u>\$15,228</u> | (\$3,216) |
| Total | \$97,482 | \$125,785 | (\$27,943) | \$102,276 | (\$4,434) |

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| Weekly Financial News |
| <u>General Fund</u> \$1,227.00 |
| <u>Noisy Collection</u> \$.00 |
| <u>Attendance</u> 72 |

| April 21 & 22 | 5:00 pm | 8:30 am | 10:45 am |
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| Acolytes | Child of God | Mason Schreiner | Robin Schmidt |
| Greeters | Dar Kluball Rose Hoff | Gibeault Family | Jody/Emily Decker |
| Readers | Jim Nelson | Renee Raasch | Jeannie Gudgeon |
| Ushers | Dar Clements Dave Dettmering | Tom/Donna Stone Jim Van Norman Renee Raasch | Steve/Greg Heikkinen |
| Nursery | | Child of God | Child of God |
| Assisting Ministers | Mark Gaedtke | Gail Wilson | Wendy Black |
| Communion Assistants | | Mary Wilke Joe Story | |
| Projection | Don Tinker | Nichole Scholz | Betty Hudson |
| Altar Guild Karen Stefan Kathryn Loka Rhonda Grabow | Counters Kathy David Ruth Ann Richardson Diane Popp | Video Delivery Nancy Bronsted | Projection |

| April 28 & 29 | 5:00 pm | 10:00 am |
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| Acolytes | Scout Stromberg | 125th Anniversary Worship Macey Mann |
| Greeters | Dar Clements Karen Olson | Tobias Family Al Tesch |
| Readers | Nona Arthur | Nancy Kind |
| Ushers | Georgie Crass John Kromm | Wick Family Chris/Ed Raasch Dawn LaFevre Marilyn Smith Greg/Steve Heikkinen |
| Nursery | | Child of God |
| Assisting Ministers | Joe Story | Wendy Black |
| Communion Assistants | | Brynn Beaumier Margie Welke Nancy Kind Gail Wilson |
| Projection | Karen Torkelson | Whitney Osero |
| Altar Guild Karen Stefan Kathryn Loka Rhonda Grabow | Counters Barb Schiltz Ruth Ann Richardson Diane Popp | Video Delivery Torkelsons Projection Set-up Karen Torkelson |

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES – BACKPACKING (from Tomahawk)

FCA's backpacking trip is July 21-29 in southern Montana, for ages 16-18. This too will follow the 2018 FCA theme, "Strong", and provides the ideal setting to grow awareness in the outdoors in all three dimensions: physical, emotional, and spiritual To contact Jeff Tarras go to: <http://wisconsinfca.org/northcentral>

GREATER GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH—Save the date: Friday-Sunday, August 3-5, at Pine Lake Camp, Waupaca. This retreat provides an ideal setting to grow friendships and understanding of settings and circumstances different from our own – theirs and ours. Contact Darlene Henning, Heather Kurth or church office for more or to join the planning team.