

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

JUNE 9 & 10, 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE *(THROUGH LABOR DAY)*

SAT. – 5:00 PM SUN. 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM @ SCHAEFER’S WHARF

PASTOR DON’S RESIGNATION—I have reluctantly decided it is time I resigned as your Visitation Pastor. Though sad and difficult at times, overall it has been a distinct blessing to serve you in this capacity. I hope you continue your emphasis on visitation, and I wish you the best for the years to come. *Pastor Don Cannady*

NEXT STEPS FOR VISITATION

First, Grace gives thanks for Pastor Don’s 15 years of ministry as Visitation Pastor at Grace! Second, Church Council will be considering both immediate and long term possibilities for continuing this ministry at their Tuesday meeting. **Pastor Don has touched so many of our lives -- we wish to honor him and celebrate his ministry. Please contact the church office to help coordinate this celebration.**

REJOICE AND BE THANKFUL for Grace Lutheran’s Funeral Luncheon Committee that has served Grace for over fifty years. The humble and kind members of this group quietly comfort families who have lost ones by providing a home cooked meal following a service or burial. **It is with deep sadness that we tell you this group is no longer able to keep this ministry going.** Their hearts are still willing to serve, but most of these women and men can no longer physically keep up. We thank God for them. --

THANKS AND GRATITUDE—Words cannot express how grateful I am for all the expressions of love and kindness during my recent bout with cancer. Grace truly is a caring “family.” Thanks be to God! *Al Overhaug*

125 YEARS – GROWING INTO THE FUTURE—Pastor Mark, Wendy Black, and Pastor Nancy Richmond invite you to come with us! God is mightily present and working in this congregation. As we celebrate 125 years let us also look forward to the next 125 years. We will use the Second Reading through the next six Sundays to celebrate our future. 1 & 2 Corinthians emphasizes specific issues so that the Good News of Jesus is authentically lived out in the lives of the Christian community and in their witness to others.

SUMMER STUDY – go to www.gracelutherantomahawk.org

Click [THE GOSPEL OF MARK: Discovering Jesus ...] on the front page of the Grace website. Explanation of the study, introduction to each week’s reading, actual readings themselves, forming groups, blog, and resources are all on that site.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY – FOUR TAKE-AWAYS

1. Booklets are on the Welcome Center with the six congregations in our synod celebrating significant anniversaries in 2018 – 125, 100, 75, 50, and years, including Grace Lutheran.
2. Hannah Schmit was elected to be one of two nominees from our synod for the ELCA Church Council to be voted at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.
3. The Synod’s Strategic Ministry Vision was presented by Bishop Gerald Mansholt to be a leader in the use of technology and to accompanying congregations in adapting to the changes in our North American culture.
4. “Stewardship for All Seasons, “Reimagining Church” and 2018 Synod Trip to South Africa are significant synod-wide actions in growing faith and life.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP PLANNING & VOLUNTEERS

Summer Outdoor Worship has begun! 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, or contact the church office 715-453-4066 or Lisa Elliott (715) 551-7444. Thank you!

YOUR FEEDBACK IS VERY IMPORTANT

We've completed our 3-week trial of changing our Sunday morning service time. Now we need to know your thoughts about it. We're offering several ways you can give your opinion.

1-Please fill out a **May 2018 9am Worship Trial Survey** (you can find them in the Gathering Space), and return it to the collection box in the gathering space.

2-You can fill out the survey on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q688V8P>

3-You can get to the on-line survey using this QR code.

We do want to hear all opinions, so if members of your family have different opinions we encourage each to submit a completed survey.

Thank you for taking the time for this important feedback.

Worship Ministry Team; Christi Lobermeier, Mary Wessel, Sherry Clements, Wendy Black

DID YOU KNOW that Church Council meetings are always open to attend? If you wish to speak, you must be on the agenda.

EYG - Don't forget about the "1-100" Fundraiser for EYG and Wilderness Trip. See the rolling bulletin board in the Gathering Space there are numbers on envelopes. Those numbers equal dollar amounts. Choose the envelope for the amount that you would like to donate, fill out the form inside, and return it with your donation to the big orange canister. Thanks in advance for your support

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Are you feeling called to a leadership ministry position within Grace? The church council's Nominating Committee is actively here to support you and help you define that feeling of being "called" into church leadership. Please let us know if you or someone you know is interested in serving on the church council so that we may begin an intentional conversation about the roles and work of the council. Call Tom Stone (715) 367-4987 or John Kromm (715) 966-0695

TODAY'S WORSHIP IS LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED—This is one of the older ministries at Grace – 40+ years. At their request Grace is now livestreaming our worship to the nursing homes and assisted living centers in Tomahawk and has added shut-ins and at least one person who has no English worship near them. You can find links at: www.gracelutherantomahawk.org or our FaceBook. The service will also be available on YouTube for later viewing.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JUNE - LEKUBU CRECHE—"Creche" is another word for Lekubu's Keromang Early Learning Centre which serves children from six months up to four years of age. The June special offering will go towards improvements on the facilities and reducing the cost of tuition. Since 2014 when Grace began assisting Lekubu with this ministry the number of children attending has grown from forty to over one hundred children attending the Creche five days each week. All money contributed for the special offering will go towards the general costs and needs of the Creche. Or as a challenge and for more clarity on how much your contribution can accomplish, we invite you to consider giving \$125. That amount will cover the entire cost for one child for the entire year (you may make a onetime payment or divide it up e.g. \$10 each month – always indicate it is for the "Creche" or "Child Sponsorship".) **More info in the Gathering Area.** **See the basket with brochures on 2018 ELCA Global Engagement.** The relationship of Grace and Lekubu as well as the 2018 Synod Trip to South Africa are part of "Companions in Relationship"

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY—It is wise to seek counsel that we might gain wisdom "*more precious than jewels*" (Proverbs 3:15), but we are often reluctant to ask for it—often because of our pride. To tell others of our financial plight would be embarrassing. In addition, the counselor who works with us may point out some things that we don't want to hear. We may also be advised that we have to give up things or activities that we like having and doing. Yet, as in other areas of life, we should never be too proud to accept good advice about money. "*When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom*" (Proverbs 11:2). King Solomon encouraged us to embrace good counsel. "*Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise*" (Proverbs 19:20).

**OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2018**

	APR 2018	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
APRIL 2018	Receipts	Budget	vs BUDGET	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$30,905	\$31,777	(\$871)	\$25,686	\$5,220
Building Fund	\$4,955	\$5,076	(\$121)	\$5,076	(\$121)
Total	\$35,860	\$36,853	(\$992)	\$30,762	(\$5,099)
	YTD	YTD	DIFFERENCE	YTD	YTD
YEAR-TO-DATE	Receipts	Needed for		ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
		Budget		SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$116,735	\$127,107	(\$10,372)	\$112,734	\$4,000
Building Fund	\$16,967	\$20,303	(\$3,336)	\$20,303	(\$3,336)
Total	\$133,702	\$147,410	(\$13,708)	\$133,037	\$664

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$6,326.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$32.41
<u>Attendance</u> 198

June 9 & 10	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Geena Wanta	Ethan Trays	
Greeters	Darwin Kluball Peggy Price	Gibeaut Family	Tom/Donna Stone
Readers	Karen Olson	Chris Raasch	
Ushers	Child of God Karen Olson	Ed/Chris Raasch	Tom/Donna Stone
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Kind	Gail Wilson	Mary Willke
Communion Assistants		Larry/Janet Hagen	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Betty Hudson	
Altar Guild Judi Calhoun Paul Kurth Ken Kincaid	Counters Georgie Crass Sharon Reichert Dan Schuller	Video Delivery Al Overhaug Projection Setup Karen Torkelson	

June 16/17	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Kiannah Mullen	Caley Scholz	
Greeters	Sherry Thompson Rose Hoff	Paul/Dotti Andersen	Tom/Donna Stone
Readers	Nona Arthur	Rita Meidam	Marie Stark
Ushers	Dave Dettmering Darwin Kluball	Wm. Erickson Margie Welke Dan Schuller Jack Lauder	Tom/Donna Stone
Assisting Ministers	Mark Gaedtke	Al Overhaug	
Communion Assistants		Eric Anderson Whitney Osero	
Projection	Don Tinker	Brynn Beaumier	
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ELW HYMNALS—As we are using the cranberry Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Hymnals more in our worship, we'd like to remind you of the opportunity to sponsor a hymnal. You may sponsor an ELW hymnal for \$22.50. If you wish your gift to be in memory or honor of someone, please indicate that on your envelope. This information will be shown on a book tag on the hymnal's inside cover.

GRACE BOUTIQUE is returning August 25th! Ladies, please consider donating purses, jewelry, and scarves that you no longer use. If you have any of these items that are in excellent condition please bring them to Grace. You can stop by any time during office hours M-Th 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, F-8:00 am to 1:00 pm, or look for the box in hallway during the weekend. Thank you so much. Last year's Boutique was a great success!!! **We can't wait for this year!!!** *Debbie, Leanne, and Sarah*