

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

JUNE 30 & JULY 1, 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (THROUGH LABOR DAY)

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

WELCOME TO GOD'S KINGDOM BRAYDEN ALLAN WALKER!

Brayden is being baptized at the 5:00 pm service this weekend. Brayden is the son of Brittany Walker and great grandson of Al Overhaug. His sponsors are Caleb Overhaug and Katie Bushar.

SENDOFF TO SOUTH AFRICA FOR MARIE STARK AND PASTOR MARK—Every four to six years people from across our synod (125 congregations in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin) travel together led by our Bishop to worship and live with the people and parishes of our matched Diocese (150+ congregations in the Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa). Go to www.ecsw.org (click on Companion Relationship) to see and read the experiences of the forty-six people of our synod immersed in the lives of eleven different parishes. Marie and Pastor Mark plan to leave from Grace at 10:00 on July 4. Keep them in prayer during their travels, discussions with Lekubu Parish, and return on July 18.

GRACE, TOMAHAWK and LEKUBU PARISH, SOUTH AFRICA – 12 years together

This year's visit will especially focus on the future. Grace and Lekubu as the first and oldest ELCA-ELCSA congregation-parish relationship is seeking God's Spirit to lead us more deeply into being church in the world – witnesses of Jesus to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Pray for us!

Thank you to all who have sent various gifts and items. The following are the plans for Marie Stark and Pastor Mark on their journey July 4-18:

- July 4 = view fireworks as fly over the United States at night
- July 6 = visit the home of Nelson Mandela and the Apartheid Museum in Soweto, South Africa
- July 7 = welcome by Bishop Job Ubane and send off to the seven Circuits across the Western Diocese
- July 8 = Pastor Mark is the preacher for Lekubu Parish "Mission Festival"
- July 9-14 = immersion in the life of Lekubu Parish and its three congregations
 - A day with the 100 children at the "Creche" Lekubu's Early Learning Centre (Tomahawk Pharmacy & Reilley Dental)
 - A day taking Communion to the elderly (prayer shawls from Grace & Calvary, Merrill)
 - Likely a day in each village – Lekubu, Mosweu, Nyetse (greetings from our Council to each congregation's council)
 - Much time in discussion with Lekubu's Partnership Committee – what's the next step in this relationship?
- July 15 = Farewell Worship (stole for Pastor Mogale and Thurible (incensor) for the Parish)
- July 16 = Worship, Debriefing, and Covenant-making at Circuit Deanery and Western Diocesan Centre
- July 17 = fly home

WELCOME TO PASTOR BILL & PASTOR T

Pastor Bill and Pastor T Schrubba are already visiting people ("T" is easier than Trypine). Please phone the church office to arrange a visit from them. Anyone is welcome to ask for this. Relationships, prayer and personal care are of great importance at Grace. This position of "Visitation Pastor(s)" is dedicated to this ministry. Pastor Don has met with Pastor Bill and Pastor T. Debbie Hetzel and Sandi Pellicori will be phoning people Pastor Don has been regularly visiting to schedule visits. Again – ALL are welcome to use this ministry. Please welcome and pray for Pastor Bill and Pastor T as they minister among, to and with us.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING CLOSING WORSHIP AND WELCOME HOME

Every three years the youth across our ELCA gather for worship, service and learning. It ends in grand style with 30,000 youth worshipping and communing together and sent out to live transformed lives centered in God's grace. Go to www.elca.org to livestream this service or to see all that Allison Schmidt, Amalia Kurth, Haley Leibelt, Grace Witulski, Brandon Boehm and Martin Schmidt have experienced along with their mentors Dan Schuller and Margie Welke. They leave Houston after worship and will be back in Tomahawk on Tuesday, July 3. Ask them what they experienced!

125 YEARS – GROWING INTO THE FUTURE – from 1893 into the beyond

Six major realities for strong community life are emphasized in 1 & 2 Corinthians. This is the assigned Second Lesson at the start of this Season after Pentecost and provides great direction in celebrating and being a thriving congregation: 1) Body of Christ, 2) Leaders are Flawed (clay pots), 3) Obstacles to grace, and 4) putting God's grace in action. "Generosity" is the theme and emphasis today and next week it will be on the mistaken attraction of "Super-heroes".

SAVE THE DATE! The 2nd celebration for Grace's 125th Anniversary is **August 19** with a special Outdoor **Worship at Memorial Park**, followed by a **Potluck Meal**. Watch for more information coming soon!

PINE LAKE CAMP – AUGUST 3-5: Cultural Competency Camp

Cost is \$75/person or \$150/family! “Family” can include multiple generations and friends – it’s the people you want in your cabin. Pine Lake has separate cabins a “family” can have just for themselves, or upscale linen service/air-conditioned rooms for a couple (added fee and limited number), or for those coming alone Juniper has a common room with four separate bedrooms with bath and shower (bedrooms hold 1-8 people). Price includes two overnights, four meals, morning study/discussion, camp recreational activities in afternoon, evening campfire, Sunday worship.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

July 8, 2018: “Redeeming of the Image of God in the Book of Joshua” – Immanuel Lutheran Church, 630 Adams St. Wausau. Presenter is Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras. Lecture begins at 11:45 am.

July 28, 2018: “Healthy Congregations” retreat – St. John’s Lutheran, Mosinee. Presenter is Rev. Sharon Dorr. Event is from 9:00am to 5:00pm. To register, please email marilynklange@gmail.com by June 30.

WORSHIP AT 8:30 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 is available on YouTube for later viewing.

JULY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

In July the special offering will offer both a local and global option. You have the opportunity to choose to give to either the local food pantries – Nokomis and Tomahawk – or to Lutheran Disaster Response.

FOOD PANTRIES

- **The Nokomis Food Pantry** is located at the Town Hall in the old firehouse. The pantry distributes groceries and some sundries to those in need. Folks who find themselves in a tight spot and in need of a little assistance are encouraged to contact Bette Stillman at (715) 453-2415 or (715) 612-2947 to make arrangements to meet you at the Town Hall.
- **Tomahawk United Methodist Church Food Pantry** serves Lincoln County residents in need who meet minimum requirements. Call United Methodist church office for more information at (715) 453-4378.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE helps those physically, mentally and emotionally affected by disaster. Your gifts will ensure disaster survivors in the United States and around the world are receiving the assistance they need. See the brochures in the Gathering Space for more information or go to www.elca.org/disaster. You can give money to a specific cause or in general and you can volunteer and directly help in the recovery.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY— Jesus was quite clear about the cost of following Him. Discipleship requires a totally committed life. Being a disciple may entail being ready to give up anything and everything if duty to God calls for it. *“So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple”* (Luke 14:33). Sacrifice is also expected. *“If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me”* (Matthew 16:24). Through faith, we are enabled to renounce things of the world and sacrifice whatever might come between us and Jesus.

	May-18 Needed for		RECEIPTS vs.	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs.
<u>MAY</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$25,212	\$31,735	\$(6,523)	\$29,489	\$(4,277)
Building Fund	\$5,690	\$5,076	\$614	\$5,076	\$614
Total	\$30,902	\$36,811	\$(5,909)	\$34,565	\$(3,663)
		YTD		YTD	YTD
	YTD	Needed for		ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$141,947	\$158,675	\$(16,728)	\$142,374	\$(427)
Building Fund	\$22,657	\$25,380	\$(2,723)	\$25,380	\$(2,723)
Total	\$164,604	\$184,055	\$(19,451)	\$167,754	\$(3,150)

Weekly Financial News
General Fund
 \$5,191.50
Noisy Collection
 35.57
Attendance
 273

June 30/July 1	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Ellie Witulski	Brynn Baalke	
Greeters	Darwin Kluball Darwin Clements	Gary & Judy Calhoun	Wick Family
Readers	Nancy Herbison	Chris Raasch	Marie Stark
Ushers	Georgie Crass John Kromm	George/Lynn Derleth Jerry Jagmin Steve Kahle	Wick Family
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Herbison	Paul Kurth	
Communion Assistants		Jan/Larry Hagen	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Brynn Beaumier	
Altar Guild Dotti Andersen Gail Wilson Sandi Redmond	Counters Jim/Julie Dentler Betty Hudson	Video Delivery Al Overhaug Projection Setup Keri Kelley	

July 7/8	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Garrett Nelson	Megan Miles	
Greeters	Dan/Kay Salewske	Marie Knipfer Fran Anderson	Tom & Donna Stone
Readers	Karen Olson	Laurie Schmidt	Rhonda Grabow
Ushers	Jeanette Lovsletten Peggy Price	Dar Clements John Krueger Jim VanNorman Brett Beaumier	Tom & Donna Stone
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Kind	Al Overhaug	Al Overhaug
Communion Assistants		Child of God Lynn Brown	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Paula Norman	
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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*

HELP WANTED - ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's School is seeking applicants for two positions: School Lunch Program Director and After School Care. For more information call (715) 453-3542.