

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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JULY 14 & 15, 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (THROUGH LABOR DAY)

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

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of Charles Gudgeon who died July 10. Charles was the husband of Jeannie Gudgeon. The service for Chuck will be at 5:00 pm, July 31 at Generations Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 5:00pm. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

THANK YOU to everyone who had helped us get to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering. This gathering was an awe inspiring faith building experience for all of us. We are all looking forward to three years from now when it will be held in Minnesota. We are hoping to share our stories with everyone sometime in August, please watch for dates and times. Thank you again from the youth and adults that were blessed to attend EYG.
The 2018 EYG Group

THANK YOU for all your prayers, cards, and good wishes while I was recovering from knee replacement. Recovery is ongoing and not yet complete but I am doing okay and have a good outlook. *Jane Brokaw*

PLAN ON ATTENDING GRACE'S OUTDOOR WORSHIP & POTLUCK PICNIC Sunday, August 19th at Memorial Park! This will be the conclusion of Grace's 125th Anniversary celebration. The weekend festivities begin with an **Ice Cream Social at 4pm Saturday, August 18 at Grace** prior to the regular 5:00 worship service. Sunday morning's schedule will be a single worship service at 10:00 at Memorial Park followed by the potluck picnic. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO 8:30 worship that day & Outdoor Worship location is Memorial Park.** All pastors who were ordained at Grace have been invited back for this celebration. We hope you will be able to join us! Watch for details about the potluck meal in the August newsletter. All of the activities are open to the public - we're hoping the entire community comes to celebrate with us!

WORSHIP TIME FORUM – JULY 22 – 9:30 AM

Thank you to the many who completed a survey on our 9:00 Worship Time trial. Your input was really valuable! While the feedback on the trial was mostly positive, there were some topics presented that need consideration before making a recommendation to the Church Council.

The Worship Ministry Team and the Church Council will host a question & answer Forum in the sanctuary on Sunday, July 22 at 9:30 a.m., following the 8:30 worship service, to talk about the possibility of moving from two Sunday services (8:30 and 10:45) to a single 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sundays between September and May, (*keeping the Saturday service at 5:00 p.m.*) A summary of the survey results is available in the gathering space for your review. **If you are unable to attend the July 22 Forum**, we invite you to contact a member of the Worship Ministry Team (Christi Lobermeier, Mary Wessel, Sherry Clements, Wendy Black/Staff Representative) or the Church Council with your comments.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) AT GRACE – JOIN IN JOYFUL NOISE!

**Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3
9:00 am to Noon**

Grace Lutheran Church will again be partnering with United Methodist Church to bring VBS to children. These five days of faith-filled fun is available to *all* children age 3.5* *through* having completed Grade 5.
***3-year-old children:** Must turn three by March 31, 2018 [Birthdate must be on or before March 31, 2015]

See registration forms in the Gathering Area and in the July newsletter!

Bring a friend or three or four or more!!! Deadline to Register: July 20, 2018

Sign up to serve and help us shout for joy at VBS!

Would you be interested in helping?! If anyone from Grade 6 through age 99+ is interested in being involved, we can use your gifts! We need "guide" leaders for various age groups, group assistants, game leaders, service project helpers, and music leaders. **We will also need donations of various snack (SEE BLEOW) and craft items.** Please prayerfully consider being involved with this fun, faith-building event for our young people. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Patti Gaedtke by phone (715) 612-2000 or email patti@gracetomahawk.org.

Snack items needed:

-Oranges -Apples -Oranges -Kiwi -Jack fruit -Dragon fruit -Star fruit

Please make sure the item is still needed before bringing it in. Thanks.

OLD FURNITURE-Our church has been blessed with getting new furniture for the Anna Frederickson Lounge. If you wish to contribute towards this effort it will be welcomed, just be sure to clearly indicate that on your giving. The old furniture in that room is available for anyone who would want it. Please let the office (715) 453-4066 know which item(s) and when you will pick it up. All items must be removed by July 24th so the carpet can be cleaned before the new items arrive on the 25th. Thank you!

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 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

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— As faithful stewards, our response is not dictated by well-conceived stewardship appeals or pressure for money or time. We respond faithfully to needs of our church, because our primary motivation for sustained giving is thankfulness for the love that Jesus has for us. *“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again”* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). We express His love within us by what we do and what we give. Through God’s grace, bestowed on us through Word and Sacrament, we become more like Jesus. We become generous people who give willingly and cheerfully.

	Jun-18	Needed for	RECEIPTS vs.	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs.
<u>JUNE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$24,722	\$36,288	\$(11,566)	\$28,360	\$(3,638)
Building Fund	\$3,863	\$5,076	\$(1,213)	\$5,076	\$(1,213)
Total	\$28,585	\$41,364	\$(12,779)	\$33,436	\$(4,851)
		<i>YTD</i>		<i>YTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	Needed for	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	RECEIPTS vs
General Fund	\$166,668	\$190,410	\$(23,742)	\$170,733	\$(4,065)
Building Fund	\$26,520	\$30,455	\$(3,935)	\$30,455	\$(3,935)
Total	\$193,188	\$220,865	\$(27,677)	\$201,188	\$(8,000)

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$6,497.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$70.85
<u>Attendance</u> 358

July 14/15	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Kate Derleth	Logan Schreiner	
Greeters	Sherry Thompson Rose Hoff	Gibeault Family	Rich/Leslie Johnson
Readers	George Derleth	Jessie Stromberg	Lynn Brown
Ushers	Chris & Ed Raasch	Don/Carolyn Halverson Jack Lauder Wm. Erickson	Rich/Leslie Johnson
Assisting Ministers	Al Overhaug	Corey Colburn	John Kablitz
Communion Assistants		Megan Marcks Eric Anderson	
Projection	Jason Mielke	Betty Hudson	
Altar Guild Dotti Andersen Gail Wilson Sandi Redmond	Counters Jim/Julie Dentler Betty Hudson	Projection Setup Lisa Elliott	

July 21/22	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Lauren Hansmann	Macey Mann	
Greeters	Karen Olson Peggy Price	Tobias Family	Tom/Donna Stone
Readers	Nona Arthur	George Derleth	
Ushers	Ron Lueneberg Dave Dettmering	Ed/Chris Raasch Larry/Jan Hagen	Tom/Donna Stone
Assisting Ministers	Mark Gaedtke	Wendy Black	Al Overhaug
Communion Assistants		Margie Welke Whitney Osero	
Projection	Sue Mielke	James Zastrow	
Altar Guild Dotti Andersen Gail Wilson Sandi Redmond	Counters Jim/Julie Dentler Betty Hudson	Projection Setup Karen Torkelson	

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.