

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship*

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE (THROUGH MEMORIAL DAY)**

**SAT. – 5:00 PM SUN. 9:00 AM**

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for all the support and prayers for myself and my family upon the loss of our mom and grandmother Arlene Renn. It is a real blessing and comfort to know our church family is there for support. Thank you, *Margie Welke and Family*

**BUDGETS REQUESTS FOR 2019 are due no later than September 30.** All committees and groups are responsible to present their budget requests for 2019. The Church Council along with the Finance Committee appreciates your prompt attention. You may return your budget request to the church office, the Secretary's mail box, or email to: [dhetzel@gracetomahawk.org](mailto:dhetzel@gracetomahawk.org)

## IMAGINING GRACE: Launching the Next 125 Years

*"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

(Mark 8:34) We have celebrated 125 years of God's grace. Now it is time to launch into the next 125 years. To do this requires denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and following Jesus into God's mission. What can you do to lead Grace in being a vibrant community of faith, witness and service in Jesus' name to all the world? The Church Council, along with the "Stewardship for All Seasons" (SAS) Team, would like to invite you to a dinner. We will lead you to consider your contribution and actions that can take us beyond our imagination into God's mission. **Please RSVP to the church office for a Dinner on Thursday, October 4 at 6:00PM at Grace.** Thank you for your commitment to God's mission at Grace! Please consider attending this dinner presentation and join the Council and SAS Team in this major step in launching Grace into the next 125 years.



## BOOK FAIR FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL UNTIL SEPTEMBER 23

Stop by the Gathering Space and see the books available to order. These are faith filled books at discount, and will earn money for our Sunday School. Check out the sample books on display and order anytime up to September 23. *Payment in the form of checks payable to Grace Lutheran or cash (sorry no credit cards) must accompany all orders.*

## GOD'S BLESSINGS TO RICH & LESLIE JOHNSON

Rich & Leslie will be moving to \_\_\_\_\_ to be closer to family.

## BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Grace offers two different opportunities for Bible study each Tuesday at 9:30am and at 6:00pm. Here are the details:

- The Tuesday morning group, led by Wendy Black, will begin the year with a video based study from the History Channel's series called "The Bible". Participants will take another look at the epic stories from the Bible and discover how everything leads to Jesus and his love for us.
- The Tuesday evening group, led by Mark Gaedtke, will be using the book, "The Parables of Jesus" by Harry Wendt. This fascinating book will explore eleven of Jesus' parables in the Gospel of Luke in a whole new way - through the eyes of ancient Middle Eastern society.

Both studies are open to everyone – please bring a friend! Whether you are a Biblical scholar or a beginner or somewhere in between, there will be something to challenge and inform you in new and exciting ways! If you have questions, call the church office at (715) 453-4066. No pre-registration needed. Hope to see you there!

**ASSISTING MINISTER TRAINING/REFRESHER will take place on Sunday, September 23 at 10:15 in the Sanctuary.** Pastor Nancy Richmond and Wendy Black will be able to answer any questions and give updates and guidance on helping lead our congregation in worshipping God. This is for anyone currently on our volunteer list for helping in worship AND for anyone who may be interested in learning more about the Assisting Minister role. Please call Wendy with any questions or concerns at 715-453-4066.

**ONE LAST CHANCE – SURPLUS SALE**—Now that we're all back from our summer schedules, the Surplus Sale is being offered for one final weekend. Items are on display at the entrance to the Youth Room. Look them over, take what you'd like and leave your donation in the bucket on the table. Proceeds of this sale will be used for storage needs.

## BUILDING UTILIZATION COMMITTEE: Next Steps - Music Room... Can you help?

The Building Utilization Committee has been very busy reviewing the many areas of our Grace facility. As you know, items that were identified as no longer needed have been offered in a Surplus Sale. One of our next steps is to review and organize the material in our Music Room. If you are willing to help with the review of this room, please contact a member of the Building Utilization Committee – Corky Buralow, Sherry Clements, Patti Gaedtke, Margie Welke – by Monday, September 10. Once we have a team assembled, we'll schedule a time that works for all. Thank you for your consideration of this important and long-overdue task.

**HIGH CHAIRS**—We’re so blessed with many young families at Grace! We currently have only one high chair in the Fellowship Hall and could really use a couple more. If you have a high chair in good condition that was new within the last 2 years and you would like to donate it to our church, please contact a member of the Building Utilization Committee – Corky Burcalow, Sherry Clements, Patti Gaedtke, Margie Welke. Thank you!

**GOD’S WORK + OUR HANDS—SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

On Sunday, September 30, Grace Lutheran will be doing a day of service for the Tomahawk Community. Everyone is invited to participate! Watch for the time and sign-up sheets available soon in the Gathering Space. Our plans are to visit the nursing homes to share crafts, songs, and visits. Please consider joining us as we celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

**HANDBELL CHOIR**—School bells will be ringing soon, as will the handbells at Grace! The Handbell Choir practices have begun. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM for fun and musical fellowship. Having the ability to read notes is helpful. Call Carol for more information, at (715) 453-1954

**CONNECTING WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS**

- If you are a college student please let us know your address and email we would like to send you cards and goodies.
- Would you like to support our college students by praying for them or sending encouragement their way?

Please contact the church office at (715) 453-4066, Margie Welke at (715) 966-5497 or email [4welkes@gmail.com](mailto:4welkes@gmail.com) with you information.

**VIA DE CRISTO – NOVEMBER**

Sign up now to attend the **November 1-4, 2018 Via de Cristo weekend** at Silver Birch Ranch near White Lake. This Christian growth experience is open to all baptized adults over 21 who wish to experience the love of Christ in many unique ways and learn how to show that love to others in their daily lives. Couples are encouraged to attend, although men’s and women’s activities will be held separately. **THERE IS NO COST** for the weekend, and your sponsor will drive you to and from the camp. Brochures can be found on the display in the gathering space. **Applications can be picked up in the church office and are due by October 1, and space is limited!** Contact Nancy Kind at 715-612-6034 or Pastor Mark if you have questions. This experience has been a blessing to over 50 people from Grace already- please prayerfully consider attending! The experience is well worth your time!

**SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING** is for milk money at Tomahawk Elementary School

Over 40% of Tomahawk Elementary School students are in the free or reduced-price lunch programs. Milk during lunch is included with those programs. However, elementary-aged kids in the Tomahawk school district also have a snack break. The milk distributed during this time is NOT covered by the free and reduced program. The families must have funds available in their lunch accounts if they wish for their children to have milk during snack time. Our September special offering will help to pay for snack break milk for these children if their families are unable to afford this cost. One carton of milk is 40 cents, so even a small offering can make a large difference!

**STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY**— A waitress helped a customer select a breakfast special. “Get that instead of a combination breakfast with a side order,” she said. “It’s the same thing and saves you 89 cents.” After he thanked her, she added. “You learn that when you raise four kids.” The financial wisdom and skills that we learn from money management experts are focused on how to save money and how to spend it. These are valuable skills, but Jesus’ teachings were primarily directed toward the importance of sharing our money with those in need and funding the mission and ministry of God’s Church after our needs were met. While it is certainly important to know how to save and spend, these activities are often directed toward the materialistic ways of the world. Knowing how to give negates these possessive instincts and encourages us to save and spend with a view to expanding God’s kingdom. Giving helps us place our trust in Jesus rather than in the world.

	31-August	Needed for	RECEIPTS vs.	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs.
AUGUST	Receipts	Budget	BUDGET	SPENDING	SPENDING
General Fund	\$25,803	\$31,735	(\$5,932)	\$27,524	(\$1,721)
Building Fund	\$4,430	\$5,076	(\$646)	\$5,076	(\$626)
Total	\$30,233	\$36,811	(\$6,578)	\$32,600	(\$2,367)
		YTD		YTD	YTD
	YTD	Needed for		ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs
YEAR-TO-DATE	Receipts	Budget	DIFFERENCE	SPENDING	SPENDING
General Fund	\$221,874	\$253,880	(\$32,006)	\$229,674	(\$7,890)
Building Fund	\$36,605	\$40,606	(\$4,001)	\$40,606	(\$4,001)
Total	\$258,479	\$294,486	(\$36,007)	\$270,370	(\$11,891)

<b>Weekly Financial News</b>
<u>General Fund</u> \$13,270.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$32.43
<u>Attendance</u> 252

September 15/16	5:00 pm NO SERVICE (Harley Weekend)	9:00 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	-----	Scout Stromberg
<b>Greeters</b>	-----	Marie Knipfer Don/Carolyn Halverson

<b>Readers</b>	-----	Marie Stark
<b>Ushers</b>	-----	Tom/Donna Stone Wick Family
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	-----	Gail Wilson
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	-----	Lynn Brown Mary Wilke
<b>Projection</b>	-----	Brynn Beaumier
<b>Altar Guild</b> Lynn Brown Karen Suske Marie Stark	<b>Counters</b> Barb/Dewey Reilly Al Overhaug	<b>Projection Setup</b> Lisa Elliott

<b>September 22/23</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>9:00 pm Contemporary</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Serena Reinke	Halle Derleth
<b>Greeters</b>	Darwin Kluball Peggy Price	Fran Anderson Ed/Chris Raasch
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Wilke	Shirley Derleth
<b>Ushers</b>	Darwin Clements Jeanette Lovsletten	William Erickson Brett Beaumier Steve Kahle Jerry Jagmin
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Wendy Black	Shirley Derleth
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Al Overhaug Georgie Crass
<b>Projection</b>	Sue Mielke	Nichole Scholz
<b>Altar Guild</b> Lynn Brown Karen Suske Marie Stark	<b>Counters</b> Barb/Dewey Reilly Al Overhaug	<b>Projection Setup</b> Chris Raasch