

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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SEPTEMBER 1 & 2, 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (THROUGH LABOR DAY)

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

LABOR DAY THROUGH MEMORIAL DAY

(September 9, 2018 - May 19, 2019)

*******SAT. 5:00 PM SUN. 9:00 AM*******

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

- **Michael McGath**, brother of Archie Crohn died recently, and will be buried in Tomahawk on September 8.
- **Arlene Renn** died August 19. She was the mother of Donny (Marne) Renn, Jim (Kim) Renn, Margie (Tim) Welke. Arlene's funeral service was September 1.

May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE—EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2018—After extensive research, along with congregational feedback, the Church Council has voted to change Grace's Sunday worship time to a single **9:00 a.m. service from Labor Day to Memorial Day**. The summer worship schedule will remain as is with 8:30 a.m. worship at the church and 10:00 a.m. outdoor worship on Sundays. The Saturday worship service will remain at 5:00 p.m. year round.

THANK YOU to all who helped make the Grace Boutique successful again this year!!! Your donations of purses, jewelry, and scarves were very appreciated. We had a great a response from shoppers in the community as well as Grace members. We were thrilled to be able to provide women on all incomes with the opportunity to shop for "new" things at the Boutique. All monies raised will go to our Security System fund. *Deb, Leanne, & Sarah – Grace Boutique Coordinators*

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great joy that Austin & Natalie Story announce the birth of their son Julian Alexander on August 27 in Hawaii. Julian weighed 6lbs, 4 oz, 19 inches long.

FINAL WEEKEND! SURPLUS SALE – CHECK IT OUT!

Once again, items that have been identified as no longer needed at Grace are being offered in a free-will Rummage Sale. Come up by the Youth Room and take a look! There's lots of fabric, decorations, toys, household items, and much more! 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.

SINGING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PRAISE!

St. Mary's church has invited us to join them for their Advent cantata "Christmas Presence". Rehearsals begin Tuesday September 4 at 6 p.m. with all other rehearsals on Mondays at 6 p.m. They've penciled in December 2 at 4 p.m. to present the cantata to the community. Also this year, Grace's cantata choir will present their musical offering on the weekend after Christmas, December 29 & 30, at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship services. Corey Colburn expects to begin practices on Wednesdays around mid-October. With presentations being 4 weeks apart, it's possible to do both! We're really grateful for these two opportunities to sing joyful praise and we hope you will consider joining.

HANDBELL CHOIR—School bells will be ringing soon, as will the handbells at Grace! The Handbell Choir will begin practices on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:00 PM. Join us for fun and musical fellowship. Having the ability to read notes is helpful. Call Carol for more information, at (715) 453-1954

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS! You are very important to us and we want to keep in touch with you. Please let us know your mailing address and email. We would love to send you cards and care packages throughout the year. Who doesn't like receiving REAL mail at college? Please drop off your info at the church office or email to: 4welkes@gmail.com No worries about us sharing your info other than those who would like to pray for you or send you a card or letter.

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT

Have you given any thought to providing encouragement and support to a college student? Our faith community at Grace Lutheran promised to pray for and support these young adults when they were baptized and confirmed. As they leave for college, or return to college it is important to continue to support them. Join our adoption team! We will pray for and encourage our young adults as they begin new chapters in their lives. Stay tuned for more info and a list of college students in late September. If you have questions, please contact Margie Welke at (715) 966-5497, or 4welkes@gmail.com

BUILDING UTILIZATION QUESTION—The Building Utilization Committee (BUC) has reviewed and organized many of the areas in the church. One area that remains is the kitchenette in Reiff Hall. We're looking to find out who (in addition to the quilters and AA group) uses this space. We want to clear out any unneeded items and perhaps put them in the August 25/26 Surplus Sale. Please contact a BUC member (Corky Burcalow, Sherry Clements, Patti Gaedtke, Margie Welke) if you know who uses this area. Thank you.

WOMEN’S RETREAT—SEPTEMBER 21-22 AT IMAGO DEI VILLAGE

Take up your cross and walk God’s Justice. All women are invited to attend the annual fall retreat for a time of worship, reflection, fellowship, and fun based on Micah 6:8 and Matthew 20. Pastor Angela Khabeb of Ascension in Waukesha will be the keynote speaker Saturday morning. In kind gifts will be for LWR School Kits, and there will be a cross weaving art project. You may register for the whole retreat or just Saturday. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Marie Stark or Mary Wessel.

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— The words, I, me, mine, and myself describe most people as they focus primarily on their own interests and needs. It has been said, “A person who is all wrapped up in himself makes a pretty small package.” However, we find many characters in Scripture who, through faith, were not wrapped up in themselves. The Macedonians that the Apostle Paul refers to in 2 Corinthians 8, for example, were a group of people who exemplified an attitude of love and compassion as they looked beyond their own needs. In spite of their own afflictions and hardships, they gave beyond their means to the distressed Christians in Jerusalem. They were willing to sacrifice and give generously even though they were experiencing tremendous challenges. They reached down to meet the needs of others more needy than themselves.

Food Pantry News – The Tomahawk Food Pantry is currently in need of egg noodles, canned fruit, cooking oil, soups, jelly & jam (not grape), and toilet paper. Please place items in our Food Pantry collection box in the Gathering Space. Due to high demand, a third day has been added for food distribution at our local Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church on School Rd. *Bill & carol Sparr, Food Pantry Coordinators*

| | 31-July | Needed for | RECEIPTS vs. | ACTUAL | RECEIPTS vs. | Weekly Financial News <u>General Fund</u> \$4,081.00 <u>Noisy Collection</u> \$80.24 <u>Attendance</u> 197 |
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| JULY | Receipts | Budget | BUDGET | SPENDING | SPENDING | |
| General Fund | \$29,402 | \$31,735 | \$(2,333) | \$31,505 | \$ (2,103) | |
| Building Fund | \$5,655 | \$5,076 | \$579 | \$5,076 | \$ 579 | |
| Total | \$35,057 | \$36,811 | \$(1,754) | \$36,581 | \$(1,524) | |
| | YTD | YTD | | YTD | YTD | |
| YEAR-TO-DATE | Receipts | Needed for | DIFFERENCE | ACTUAL | RECEIPTS vs | |
| | Budget | Budget | | SPENDING | SPENDING | |
| General Fund | \$196,071 | \$222,145 | \$ (26,074) | \$202,239 | \$ (6,168) | |
| Building Fund | \$ 32,175 | \$35,531 | \$ (3,356) | \$35,531 | \$ (3,356) | |
| Total | \$228,246 | \$257,676 | \$(29,430) | \$237,770 | \$(9,524) | |

| Sept. 1 & 2 | 5:00 pm | 8:30 am | 10:00 Outdoor |
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| Acolytes | Child of God | Child of God | |
| Greeters | Dan/Kay Salewske | Bill/Arlene Strand | Tom/Donna Stone Marie Stark |
| Readers | George Derleth | Laurie Schmidt | |
| Ushers | Georgie Overhaug John Kromm | Jerry Jagmin Jack Lauder Dan Schuller Jim VanNorman | Tom/Donna Stone Marie Stark |
| Assisting Ministers | Mark Gaedtke | Corey Colburn | Mary Wilke |
| Communion Assistants | | Larry/JanHagen | |
| Projection | Karen Torkelson | Mike Wick | |
| Altar Guild Lynn Brown Karen Suske Marie Stark | Counters Barb/Dewey Reilly Al Overhaug | Projection Setup | |

| September 8 & 9 | 5:00 pm | 9:00 am |
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| Acolytes | Morgan Hansmann | Sadie Leibel |
| Greeters | Rose Hoff Sherry Thompson | Paul/Dotti Andersen |
| Readers | Jim Nelson | Renee Raasch |
| Ushers | Darwin Kluball Peggy Price | Mary Wilke Margie Welke Don/Carolyn Halverson |
| Assisting Ministers | Al Overhaug | Paul Kurth |
| Communion Assistants | | Marie Stark Child of God |
| Projection | Jason Mielke | James Zastrow |
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