

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship*

**SEPTEMBER 22 & 23, 2018**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE (THROUGH MEMORIAL DAY)**

**SAT. – 5:00 PM SUN. 9:00 AM**

**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**

Please consider this dinner presentation and join the Council and SAS Team in this major step in launching Grace into the next 125 years. The Church Council with the "Stewardship for All Seasons" Team thank you for your commitment to God's mission at Grace, and invite you to consider your contribution and action that can take us beyond our imagination into God's mission. We have celebrated 125 years of God's grace. Now it is time to launch into the next 125 years. Jesus said, *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me (Mark 8:34)."* Let us deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus into God's mission. **Please RSVP to the church office for a Dinner on Thursday, October 4 at 6:00PM Dinner at Grace to get a preview of our upcoming campaign.**

## **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.



## **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.*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- There is a six week worship ministry schedule in every newsletter? You can find a two week schedule in every bulletin.
- Grace Lutheran is not able to loan out any tables, chairs, equipment, dishes, or other items that are property of Grace Lutheran. This has been Grace Lutheran's policy since 2008.

## **BIBLE STUDIES HAVE BEGUN**

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!

## **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 Burcalow, Sherry Clements, Patti Gaedtke, Margie Welke. 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!

**HANDBELL CHOIR**—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. Questions, all Carol 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)
YEAR-TO-DATE	YTD	YTD	DIFFERENCE	YTD	YTD
	Receipts	Needed for		ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs
		Budget		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> \$2,638.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$53.59
<u>Attendance</u> 122

September 22/23	5:00 pm	9:00 pm Contemporary
<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>	Mark Gaedtke	Shirley Derleth
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Al Overhaug Georgie Crass
<b>Projection</b>	Sue Mielke	Paula Norman
<b>Altar Guild</b> Lynn Brown Karen Suske Marie Stark	<b>Counters</b> Barb/Dewey Reilly Al Overhaug	<b>Projection Setup</b> Chris Raasch

September 29/30	5:00 pm	9:00 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kiannah Mullen	Robin Schmidt
<b>Greeters</b>	Dar Clements Rose Hoff	Andy/Luann Kiander Paul/Dotti Andersen
<b>Readers</b>	Nancy Herbison	George Derleth
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Dettmering Karen Olson	Mary Hoglund Marilyn Smith George/Lynn Derleth
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Al Overhaug	Wendy Black
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Brynn Beaumier Marie Stark
<b>Projection</b>	Don Tinker	Mike Wick
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