

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

SEPTEMBER 8 & 9, 2018

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on Sept. 18!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE *(THROUGH MEMORIAL DAY)*

SAT. – 5:00 PM SUN. 9:00 AM

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OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF:

- **Chuck Douglas** died Tuesday, September 4. He was preceded in death by his wife Alice. Charles' funeral was Saturday, September 8.
- **Kate Gane** died Wednesday, August 29. Kate was sister of Nancy (Jerry) Kall. Kate's funeral was Sept. 4 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tomahawk.

May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

GOD'S BLESSINGS to Bruce and Marleen Oradei as they celebrate their 61st wedding Anniversary (9/7).

WORSHIP IS LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED—You can find links at:

www.gracelutherantomahawk.org or our Facebook page. The service is available on YouTube for later viewing.

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 Burcalow, 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.

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 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 with you information.

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—In Proverbs 14:26 we read, *“In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.”* The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10), and wisdom is given to us by God. With God’s wisdom, we have assurance of the future. The question of our future was brought up at a meeting between Rev. Dr. Billy Graham, who was on an evangelistic crusade, and the Prime Minister of England, Winston Churchill. Mr. Churchill asked Reverend Graham, “Is there any hope for this world?” Dr. Graham replied, “Yes! I have read the last chapter of the Bible and it says we win.” We need not fear the future. God’s wisdom gives us the confidence to face a deteriorating world with hope and courage. The fear and love of the Lord prompt us to continue to be about His work, knowing that God’s people win.

	31-August	Needed for	RECEIPTS vs.	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs.	Weekly Financial News <u>General Fund</u> \$13,270.00 <u>Noisy Collection</u> \$32.43 <u>Attendance</u> 206
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	
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)	

September 8 & 9	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Morgan Hansmann	Sadie Leibelt
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
Altar Guild Lynn Brown Karen Suske Marie Stark	Counters Barb/Dewey Reilly Al Overhaug	Projection Setup Karen Torkelson

September 15 & 16	5:00 pm	9:00 am
	NO SERVICE (Harley Weekend)	
Acolytes	-----	Brynn Baalke
Greeters	-----	Marie Knipfer Don/Carolyn Halverson
Readers	-----	Marie Stark
Ushers	-----	Tom/Donna Stone Wick Family
Assisting Ministers	-----	Gail Wilson
Communion Assistants	-----	Lynn Brown Mary Wilke
Projection	-----	Brynn Beaumier
Altar Guild Lynn Brown Karen Suske Marie Stark	Counters Barb/Dewey Reilly Al Overhaug	Projection Setup Lisa Elliott

GRACE BOUTIQUE UPDATE

The Grace Boutique raised over \$1300 this year. These monies will go directly to our Security System fund. The items that were not purchased were donated to the Wausau Women’s Community. The Women’s Community was established to help every woman, man, and child that has been abused (mental, physical or emotional), assaulted, stalked, or trafficked. Also, a BIG thank you to the Tomahawk Pharmacy for helping us collect items for the Boutique. *Deb, Leanne, & Sarah – Grace Boutique Coordinators*

