

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (THROUGH MEMORIAL DAY)

SAT. – 5:00 PM SUN. 9:00 AM

WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY Xander Lee Eastman! Xander will be baptized at the 9:00 am service this weekend. He is the son of CheyeAnn Eastman. His sponsors are Robin Clairemore and Chris Clairmore.

NOVEMBER 18TH COMPANION BREAKFAST—Who cooks for you? We do!!! 🎵

The contemporary choir is hosting the companion breakfast this Sunday after 9:00am worship. Please come and enjoy many delicious breakfast dishes with us. Your free-will offerings will be given to the Backpack Program to assist with the Thanksgiving and Christmas meal items they provide. Bring your friends and families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - DECEMBER 15 - 5:00 PM SERVICE

The Sunday School children will be presenting, "The Light Before Christmas ... *Let There Be Light!*" Come see what happens when the lights go out and delight in seeing how we can still receive Light to SHINE!

COOKIE WALK, LEFSE, and CRAFT SALE – December 8, 2018 - WE NEED YOU!!!

- Lefse making will be in Fellowship Hall on Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 3 & 4.
- Crafts will be set up in the Gathering Space on Friday, Dec. 7th. If you have not already begun your craft projects, now is the time!!! We need your talent and skill.
- All bakers and candy makers please drop off your donations on Friday, Dec. 7th up in the kitchen. Rev up your oven and get those favorite recipes ready.
- **Sign up sheets are up in the Gathering Area by the church office.** There are many opportunities to help. (*Cookie taster might even be one of them ☺*). Keep your eyes peeled.
- **Lefse pre-order sheets are also out** (by the church office.) There is a limit of 10 pkg's per family.

SECURITY SYSTEM INSTALL HAS BEEN DELAYED

The keycard entry, along with the security system is not yet complete. Some glitches in the install process were encountered and additional time needs to be added to complete the system. Unfortunately the PerMar company is extremely busy and will return in a few weeks to complete the work. All outside entry keys to the church will work as they always have.

FIRST AID KITS have been placed in the following areas in our church: Kitchen (by F. Hall), Kitchen (by Reiff Hall), Sunday School Hall, Gathering Area (coat rack near fire place), and in the church office. Thank you Pat Jeske, Parish Nurse, for putting these together!!!

ATTENTION OFFERING COUNTING TEAMS

If you are interested in this ministry now is a great time to join us, simply call the office (453-4066), or Julie Dentler (453-4970) and we can explain the process. For those who are already on our monthly teams, now is the time to notify us about any changes...the new schedule for 2019 will be coming out next month. Thank you!!

DID YOU KNOW?

The September Special Offering for Milk Money that went to designated students (by staff at school) was able to help five families for an entire year, as well as 411 children with negative balances in their milk accounts! Thank you members of Grace!

A FAITHFUL MEMBER of our church would deeply appreciate transportation to and from worship on Saturday evening from the Hwy A/Lake Alice area. Please call the office if you can help.

MESSAGE OF HOPE COLORING PAGES are now located on clipboards on the table (beneath the Youth bulletin board) back by the bathrooms. Please feel free to borrow during the service. We are asking that youth (or any age person), please turn in their coloring pages to the offering plates when finished. Pastor Susan can then bring these for her visitation ministry to our members who are hospitalized, homebound or in the nursing home. You may sign your name and write a message of hope if you like. ☺

GRACE CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICE

The Grace Lutheran Christmas Cantata choir will present their musical offering on the weekend after Christmas, December 29 & 30, at the 5:00 pm Saturday and 9:00 am Sunday worship service. Practices are on **Wednesdays at 7:00pm**. There will not be practice on Nov. 21 (Thanksgiving week.) Please join us to sing joyful praises!

CAN YOU HELP HOST A FELLOWSHIP HOUR?

As we continue to figure out our new routines with the change in our worship service time, we need to have

a good feel for how our Fellowship Hour will work. We need hosts and hostesses to oversee this 10:00 – 11:00 fellowship time on Sunday mornings. Basic tasks are: pick up the doughnuts, make the coffee, “service with a smile”, and clean up”. And it’s a great way to meet folks. If you’re willing to help, please contact the church office at (715) 453-4066 or Lynn Brown at (715) 453-0860.

BIBLE STUDIES - Grace offers Bible studies each Tuesday at 9:30am and at 6:00pm.

- Tuesday morning group, led by Wendy Black, currently studying the book of Isaiah.
- Tuesday evening group, led by Mark Gaedtke, uses the book, “The Parables of Jesus” by Harry Wendt, explores eleven of Jesus’ parables in the Gospel of Luke.
- Both studies are open to everyone – please bring a friend!

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING – ELCA GOOD GIFTS Let’s have some fun with November’s special offering opportunity for ELCA Good Gifts!

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts is our opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to us.

On the giving tree in the gathering space, you will find ornaments showing various Good Gift options. We invite you to take as many ornaments as you would like from the tree, place your gift of that amount in the special offering, and hang the ornaments on your Christmas tree at home as a reminder of your gift. Let’s see if we can sponsor all the ornaments from the tree!

We invite you to stop at the **Good Gifts table** in the gathering space to pick up a Good Gifts **Advent Calendar**. Global Barnyard **Coloring Books**, also available on the Good Gifts table, are a nice way for the children to connect with ELCA Good Gifts. Thanks you for your generous support for those in need!

	31-Oct	Needed for	RECEIPTS vs.	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs.
OCTOBER	Receipts	Budget	BUDGET	SPENDING	SPENDING
General Fund	\$31,208	\$31,735	\$(527)	\$30,794	\$414
Building Fund	\$7,752	\$5,076	\$2,676	\$5,076	\$2,676
Total	\$38,960	\$36,811	\$2,149	\$35,870	\$3,090
		YTD		YTD	YTD
	YTD	Needed for		ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs.
YEAR-TO-DATE	Receipts	Budget	DIFFERENCE	SPENDING	SPENDING
General Fund	\$284,666	\$317,350	\$(32,684)	\$294,763	\$(10,097)
Building Fund	\$49,055	\$50,758	\$(1,703)	\$50,758	\$(1,703)
Total	\$333,721	\$368,108	\$(34,387)	\$345,521	\$(11,800)

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$4,109.39
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$69.17
<u>Attendance</u> 253

Nov. 17/18	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Mason Peck	Robin Schmidt
Greeters	Lynn Brown Dar Clements	Marie Knipfer Fran Anderson Judi & Gary Calhoun
Readers	Dan Schuller	Grace Witulski
Ushers	Dan Schuller Child of God	Tom/Donna Stone Jim VanNorman Jack Lauder
Assisting Ministers	Jane Schuller	Wendy Black
Communion Assistants		Lynn Brown Margie Welke
Projection	Sue Mielke	Trey Baalke
Altar Guild Steph Pellitteri Leanne Setlak	Counters Dorothy Kind Leanne Setlak Karen Suske	Projection Setup Lisa Elliott

Nov. 24/25	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Serena Reinke	Jax Loka
Greeters	Dan/Kay Salewske	Tom/Donna Stone Bill/Arlene/Strand
Readers	Nona Arthur	Marie Stark
Ushers	John Kromm Georgie Crass	Chris/Ed Raasch Marie Knipfer Steve Kahle
Assisting Ministers	Al Overhaug	Nancy Herbison
Communion Assistants		Shirley Derleth Marie Stark
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Mike Wick
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SEEKING A COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER for the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. The Communications Manager will help “Tell the Story of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin” and have primary responsibility for all communications of the Synod, including but not limited to online, social media, print and press relations. Interviews for this position will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Contact the Synod Office for more information, (920) 734-5381.

OPEN ARMS COMMUNITY MEALS – ST. MARY’S CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER
Come and join in the fun and fellowship at the Open Arms Community Meal on **Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm**. There is no charge. It is free to everyone. Take a night off from cooking, or perhaps stop in for a quick meal before going to a Tuesday night ball game.