

Good News From Grace

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

December 1 & 2, 2018

Worship Schedule

Sat. – 5:00 pm **Sun.** 9:00 am

www.gracelutherantomahawk.org

Live Streaming available on our website (see above). If you can't come to church, we can come to you!

SECURITY SYSTEM COMPLETE!

The PerMar Company has finished installing our Security System. Training will be provided for all those who applied for key cards. We will post the time and date for the training soon. Until our security system goes "live" we will continue to lock and unlock our doors the way we always have.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA @ ST. MARY'S – THIS SUNDAY – DECEMBER 2 – 4:00 PM

Several members of Grace are part of the Cantata choir.

FIRST WEDNESDAY AT GRACE - DECEMBER 5

Please join us for this worship/learning event beginning at 6:30 in the Sanctuary.

We will learn about the season of Advent, celebrate Holy Communion, and enjoy music with the Contemporary Choir.

Then we will move upstairs to make Chrismons - Christian symbols representing Jesus Christ.

An easy, yet elegant craft item for all ages. All supplies will be provided.

These Chrismons will be used as ornaments for our new Sanctuary Christmas tree.

Snacks & beverages will be served. The evening will conclude by 7:30pm (8:00pm for Confirmands)

This is a Cross+Generation Event - Everyone is welcome!!!

SUNDAY SMORGASBORD OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- "Walking Together" - Anyone who would like to go for a walk, please meet in the Gathering Space at 10:15. No set destination, just a time to get outdoors and get some steps in with each other - snow or shine! All ages & abilities welcome!
- Coffee Hour - Our weekly fellowship time with coffee, donuts, and conversation upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
- Beginning this week, the monthly book study with Pastor Nancy Richmond. All slots have been filled to explore "Creating a Life With God - The Call of Ancient Prayer Practices". This group meets the first Sunday (and Saturday) of every month upstairs in the Lounge. Saturdays at 4:00pm, Sundays at 10:15am. We all look forward to hearing more about what this group learned!
- NEXT WEEK - December 9 - A special presentation with Pastor Check about his experience with Mission Builders, as he volunteered building a church in North Dakota. 10:15am in the Sanctuary. Come and hear about this special ministry of the ELCA

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.

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!

WHEN DID YOU FEEL MOST SPIRITUALLY ENGAGED OR ALIVE?

Grace's "Reimagining Church" Team is seeking to learn how people experience God in their everyday lives and where and how God is calling us individually and collectively. Thank you for being willing to talk with us.

GRACE CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICE – WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 pm

Cantata will be December 29/30 at all services.

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!!

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. ☺

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.

	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> \$5,080.67
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$46.84
<u>Attendance</u> 176

DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING – THE SEASON OF GIFT GIVING

During this joyous season of giving, we invite you to consider a gift to support the missions at Grace that are included in our **Gift Catalog** - a collection of deeply desired projects that will happen once the funding has been received. Some of the items that have previously been funded through the **Gift Catalog** include a Security System, Door Openers, Shed Extension, Fellowship Hall Sound System, Tractor/Snowblower, Popcorn Machine, Microphones for Contemporary Choir, and Storage Cabinet in the Copy Room Hallway. As you search your heart for ways *you* want to give, here are some ideas.

-Grace’s **Gift Catalog** currently includes these projects:

- New ceiling and lights for Reiff Hall
- New carpet for our youth room
- New well at Lekubu
- Paving for additional Grace parking around the church

(NOTE: Since we also have an established account for contributions to the *City Parking Lot* to be used when the City lot is upgraded, please be sure to designate your parking lot gifts for either ‘Additional Grace Parking’ or ‘City Parking Lot’. Thank you.)

Many options are presented. We pray that you will find one or some that speak to your heart and that you wish to support with your gift. Please indicate where you want your gift to be directed. Any undesignated gifts will be applied to Grace’s General Fund. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Dec. 1/2	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Morgan Hansmann	Cayley Scholz
Greeters	Sherry Thompson Peggy Price	Jason/Jesse Stromberg Jim/Jan VanNorman
Readers	Chris Raasch	Paul Kurth
Ushers	Chris/Ed Raasch	Don/Carolyn Halverson John Krueger Margie Welke
Assisting Ministers	Joe Story	Corey Colburn
Communion Assistants		Al Overhaug Molly Mott
Projection	Don Tinker	Eric Decker
Altar Guild Peggy Winter Kayci Stevenson Sara Volz	Counters Jack Lauder Corky Burcalow Julie Dentler	Projection Setup Chris Raasch

Dec. 8/9	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Greta Tjugum	Ellie Witulski
Greeters	Rose Hoff Dar Clements	Paul/Barb Zastrow Family Katy Volz
Readers	George Derleth	Renee Raasch
Ushers	George/Lynn Derleth	Steve/Greg Heikkinen Tom/Donna Stone
Assisting Ministers	Wendy Black	Shirley Derleth
Communion Assistants		Lynn Brown Margie Welke
Projection	Betty Hudson	Whitney Osero
Altar Guild Peggy Winter Kayci Stevenson Sara Volz	Counters Jack Lauder Corky Burcalow Julie Dentler	Projection Setup Paula Norman

