

Good News From Grace

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

December 8 & 9, 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!

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out the family of Alice Bohnert who died on December 3. Alice was the wife of Paul “Bones” Bohnert. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

THANK YOU FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

During last year’s December special offering, generous donations were given for needed upgrades in the Sunday School classrooms. Throughout this past year, we’ve worked to see that the classrooms and Reiff Hall now have white boards (replacing some very old, deteriorating chalk boards) and bulletin boards/tack strips to hang things on the walls (because things just don’t stick to the concrete block walls). We’ve added additional ‘little people’ chairs to accommodate our rapidly growing Preschool/ Kindergarten classes. These additions have made our classrooms so much more functional.

THANK YOU for your contributions to make these much needed improvements become a reality. We’re still working on more items, but want to give you this one-year-later update. Thank you, again, for your generosity to give our teachers better resources to teach our children about God’s great love for them! Patti Gaedtke & the Sunday School Team.

GOD HAS BLESSED US AGAIN!!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Cookie Walk, Lefse, and Craft Sale. This includes bakers, crafters, lefse makers, people who purchased lefse ingredients, baking ingredients, craft supplies, and purchased items for sale, also the workers who moved tables and chairs multiple times. The many willing helpers, donations, and cooperation made this year’s event a complete success. Financial details will follow soon. Have a very Merry Christmas from Julie, Darlene, and Linda.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our lefse workers! We used 255 lbs. of potatoes to boil, peel, roll and bake 259 packages of lefse for the cookie walk this year! All of our ingredients were donated, so profit is 100% Thank you everyone! May God bless you all! *Linda Halverson*

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!

FAITH, THE YES OF THE HEART

Come and join us in this inspiring exploration of Martin Luther’s unique combination of Theology and Spirituality. In this 12-week study, we will investigate the link between head knowledge and what we truly believe in our heart. Start the New Year with a renewed sense hope that only comes from the grace of our Lord. Luther’s writings will address such questions as, “Why was I created?” “Does God Really Love me?,” and “Where is God when I suffer?” Classes, led by Mark Gaedtke, will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00, commencing January 8th. Please contact Mark or the church office for further information.

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!
- THIS SUNDAY - December 9 - 10:15 am - Fellowship Hall – A special presentation with Pastor Check about his experience with Mission Builders, as he volunteered building a church in North Dakota. Come and hear about this special ministry of the ELCA

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 –Samantha Colburn, Katherine Loka, J. J. Schiltz

ST. MARY'S/GRACE LUTHERAN ADVENT CONCERT ON WJJQ

If you were not able to enjoy the St. Mary's/Grace Lutheran Advent Concert on Dec. 2 in person, tune in to WJJQ, 92.5FM, on Christmas Eve at 8:05. Thank you to those from Grace who sang.

SECURITY SYSTEM COMPLETE!

The PerMar Company has finished installing our Security System. Training will be provided for all those who applied for key cards. PerMar plans to return on Dec. 11 for training. Until our security system goes "live" we will continue to lock and unlock our doors the way we always have.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you to the great food collection done at Thanksgiving by Margie Welke and the youth group. Over five boxes of food were delivered to the Pantry. Grace members and friends wishing to donate to the Food Pantry can put their items in the collection box in the Gathering Space. Items needed are: egg noodles, canned fruit, cooking oil, and soups. Bill & Carol Sparr, Food Pantry Coordinators

GRACE CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICE – WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 pm

Cantata will be December 29/30 at all services.

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.

Dec. 8/9	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Greta Tjugum	Ellie Witulski
Greeters	Rose Hoff Dar Clements	Paul/Barb Zastrow Family
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

Dec. 15/16	5:00 pm S. S. X-mas Program	9:00 am
Acolytes	Brynnen Stefan	Ayla McCormick
Greeters	Rose Hoff Sherry Thompson	Jody & Emily Decker Mary Hoglund
Readers	Laurie Schmidt	Jeannie Gudgeon
Ushers	Dar Clements Darwin Kluball Ed & Chris Raasch	Jerry Jagmin Brett Beaumier Tom & Donna Stone
Assisting Ministers	Mark Gaedtke	Dave Schmit
Communion Assistants	Shirley Derleth	Marie Stark Al Overhaug
Projection	Jason Mielke	Brynn Beaumier
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Christmas Worship Sign Up
See the sign up in Gathering Area, call the church office (715) 453-4066, or go to our website www.gracelutherantomahawk.org and click on the Sign Up Genius link.

CHRISTMAS HELP FOR NEEDY FAMILIES
If you would like to help a family that could use some love this Christmas, please consider purchasing food cards at one of our local grocery stores. Pastor Ziemer will distribute them. Thank you so much.

