

# Good News From Grace

*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship*

**January 5 & 6, 2019**

**Regular Worship Schedule**

**Sat. – 5:00 pm Sun. 9:00 am**

**[www.gracelutherantomahawk.org](http://www.gracelutherantomahawk.org)**

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

**WELCOME TO GOD'S KINGDOM** Natalie Jean Schrammel. Natalie was baptized on December 26 as that date accommodated her family members. Natalie's parents are Steve & Karolyn (Krueger) Schrammel. Her sponsors are John & Katherine J. (Krueger) Hirt.

**FLOWERS TODAY** are in honor of Serena Reinke's Baptism anniversary!

**JOIN US TODAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL** today for Aaron Leonhard's presentation on hiking the Beartooth Wilderness in Montana. Everyone is welcome.

## **CHRISTMAS WITH FRIENDS**

*Romans 1:8 ... I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you ... (NLT)* The **Christmas With Friends Community Dinner** experienced great success again this year due to the wonderful hearts of all of you in the congregation and community. Fifty-five people came together to help in so many ways to reach out to those people who would have otherwise been alone. We were able to serve about 120 people at church and delivered about 150 dinners out into the community. Thank you to all who prayed for this ministry, donated money, or volunteered time out of your Christmas Day to cook, serve, clean, or deliver. We appreciate all that you did to make this day special and meaningful to so many!

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORT DEADLINE, JANUARY 11, 2019**—See the January newsletter for details on how to prepare your report. The Annual Meeting is January 27, (Sunday) after the 9:00 am service. *Any reports turned in after the deadline will not be published in the report, but may be handed out at the meeting by person submitting the report.*

## **WELCOME HOME YOUNG ADULTS**

Significance, making a difference, and having community that cares are what is important to young people ages 18-30 and what Grace Lutheran seeks to provide. **This weekend is Young Adult Sunday.** Please offer a hug, smile, or kind words to our young adults. Many will return to college or other destinations soon.

**EPIPHANY PRAYER CHAIN** - Please add your prayer request(s) to one of the paper strips found in the Gathering Space. Your request will be added to the prayer chains hanging in the Sanctuary and will be prayed over during worship on January 12-13. Individual requests won't be read - we will have a general prayer to include them all. Fill out as many as you want!

**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST – SUNDAY JANUARY 20**—Join us for breakfast on January 20 at the Fellowship Companion Breakfast immediately following 9:00 am worship. There will be pancakes, egg bakes, fruit and great fellowship. Free will donations are encouraged.

## **SUNDAY SMORGASBORD**

- **Free Breakfast & T-shirt** – Thrivent covers the cost. Contact Pastor Mark to meet him after worship and have time for conversation at a local restaurant.
- **Learn about the Holy Land** – This can be preparation for a trip to the Holy Land or to learn about the geography, religions, and political realities in that area of the world. The first of five themes will be **Jan 13 & 20 "Ties to the Land: Christianity in Israel and Palestine"** *Who are the Christians of the Holy Land, how they practice Christianity, why they are important to the global Church.*

**GLOW NEWS**—The 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> grade GLOW youth have been busy! In October, they joined with St. Mary's youth in learning and service, with a *God's Creation* theme. November was the popular "Adopt a Grandparent" event with games and treats at Tomahawk Health Services (Golden Age). In December, the youth learned about the Salvation Army Bell ringing program from a speaker and then did some ringing. Fifteen students and three chaperones rang at Shopko, Trigs, and Great Lakes Foods. They sang carols and talked with people. It was fun for all. Chaperones were Patti Gaedtke, Faye Witulski, and Bill Sparr. In January, FCA Area Director, Jeff Tarras will engage the youth in faith-forming lessons around the theme **STRONG** based on II Timothy 4:7. *Bill Sparr*, GLOW Activities Coordinator

**NEW PASTOR AT LEKUBU PARISH**

We pray God’s blessings on Pastor Jack & Eliza Mogale and their family in their move and ministry to Maanwane Parish in Gopane (Madikwe Circuit), and we welcome Rev. Josina Kgobane-Sesolo to Lekubu Parish. Pastor Josina served the Lichtenburg Parish and was Dean of Borwa I Circuit. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa is a sending church, similar to the United Methodist Church, and January is when pastors move.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Gathering Area. If you do not see your envelopes, please call the church office at (715) 453-4066.

**PRAYER PARTNERS**

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” - Matthew 18:20

Youth and adults, grade 10 through age 99+, please prayerfully consider becoming a Prayer Partner! This is an opportunity for you to help support the faith formation of a child and look to building a relationship with them. As part of our 2nd Grade Prayer Milestone, it is time to partner each 2nd grader in our church family with an older individual who they can connect with through prayer. If your heart is moved to be a part of this ministry, or if you would like to learn more about how you can become a prayer partner, contact Patti Gaedtke at (715) 612-2000 or [gaedgram@charter.net](mailto:gaedgram@charter.net).

**FAITH, THE YES OF THE HEART – TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

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 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mark or the church office for further information.

**JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERING - TOMAHAWK WARMING CENTER**

Financial support is needed at this time of year for the Tomahawk Warming Center to assist in paying the expenses for rooms, transportation, and insurance for those who do not qualify to stay at Our Sisters House. In this coldest month of the year, with your financial support, the Tomahawk Warming Center will make sure no one is left out in the cold.

**STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY**— Even though God, through His Son, seeks a relationship with each of us, He gives us the freedom to choose whom we will serve. Unfortunately, many of us never allow Him to be in control of our lives. Instead we put Him in the margins of our lives, making decisions without seeking His guidance and living to please ourselves rather than Him. When we foolishly choose to serve something or someone other than our Heavenly Father, we live in idolatry, and we violate the first commandment: “*You shall have no other gods before Me*” (Exodus 20:3). Make choosing God your New Years Resolution.

|               | Nov-18    | Needed for | RECEIPTS vs. | ACTUAL    | RECEIPTS vs. | <b>Weekly Financial News</b><br><br><u>General Fund</u><br>\$9,160.00<br><br><u>Noisy Collection</u><br>\$39.02<br><br><u>Attendance</u><br>202 |
|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|---|
| November      | Receipts  | Budget     | BUDGET       | SPENDING  | SPENDING     |   |
| General Fund  | \$26,972  | \$31,735   | \$(4,763)    | \$31,084  | \$(4,112)    |   |
| Building Fund | \$5,366   | \$5,076    | \$290        | \$5,076   | \$290        |   |
| Total         | \$32,388  | \$36,811   | \$(4,473)    | \$36,160  | \$(3,382)    |   |
|               |           | YTD        |              | YTD       | YTD          |   |
| YEAR-TO-DATE  | YTD       | Needed for | DIFFERENCE   | ACTUAL    | RECEIPTS vs  |   |
|               | Receipts  | Budget     |              | SPENDING  | SPENDING     |   |
| General Fund  | \$311,638 | \$349,085  | \$(37,447)   | \$324,949 | \$(13,311)   |   |
| Building Fund | \$54,421  | \$55,834   | \$(1,413)    | \$55,834  | \$(1,143)    |   |
| Total         | \$366,059 | \$404,919  | \$(38,860)   | \$380,783 | \$(14,724)   |   |

| Jan 5 & 6  | 5:00 pm   | 9:00 am  |
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| <b>Acolytes</b>  |   |  |
| <b>Greeters</b>  | Dar Kluball<br>Karen Olson<br>Young Adults              | Paul/Dotti Andersen<br>Fran Andersen<br>Young Adults             |
| <b>Readers</b>   | Darwin Kluball  | Steph Welke<br>Marlee Kiander                                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>  | Georgie Crass<br>John Kromm<br>Young Adults             | Marie Knipfer<br>Dar Clements<br>Chris/Ed Raasch<br>Young Adults |
| <b>Assist. Ministers</b>   | Gail Wilson   | Corey Colburn  |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b>                                      |   | Lynn Brown<br>Shirley Derleth                                    |
| <b>Projection</b>  | Jason Mielke  | Brynn Beaumier   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b><br>Sandy Wick<br>Betty Hudson<br>Dawn LaFevre | <b>Counters</b><br>Darwin Kluball<br>Sue & Wayne Mielke | <b>Projection Setup</b><br>Chris Raasch                          |

| Jan 12 & 13  | 5:00 pm   | 9:00 am   |
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| <b>Acolytes</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Greeters</b>  | Peggy Price<br>Sherry Thompson                          | Jim/Jan Van Norman<br>Pete/Lynn Wurl                  |
| <b>Readers</b>   | Jim Nelson  | Renee Raasch  |
| <b>Ushers</b>  | Ron Lueneberg<br>Dar Clements                           | Mike/Sandy Wick Family<br>Renee Raasch<br>Steve Kahle |
| <b>Assisting Ministers</b>                                       | Jane Schuller   | Paul Kurth  |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b>                                      |   | Al Overhaug<br>Marie Stark                            |
| <b>Projection</b>  | Betty Hudson  | Dravin Schmit   |
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