

Good News From Grace

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

February 9 & 10, 2019

Regular 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!

THANK YOU to everyone who prayed for Bill Burcalow! His surgery went well and he should be home shortly after a brief stay at Rennes in Rhinelander for recovery.

ATTENTION: THE TECHNOLOGY TEAM NEEDS HELP

The Technology Team does things like live streaming services, maintaining and upgrading equipment such as computers, monitors, televisions, projectors, routers and modems. They also support the churches social media such as the Grace web site, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and more.

If you feel called to spread the Word of God by helping our team, please contact Karen Torkelson at Torkelson (karen_torkelson@yahoo.com) or Mike Wick (wickms@aol.com).

JOYFUL NOISE – FEBRUARY 12 – 11:30AM - BEKING RESTAURANT

CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT OUR SAVIOUR'S, MERRILL

Wisconsin River Valley Conference is one of six conferences in our East Central Synod of Wisconsin. There are twenty-three congregations in the WRV Conference from Mosinee-Tomahawk and from Birnamwood-Arbutus on the east side. Voting members of this Conference Assembly are all Conference congregational members in attendance. Meeting begins at 3:00. Please contact the Grace Church Office if you want to carpool. Business includes nominations to serve on the Synod Council. For the sake of representing a variety of perspectives on this Council the following nominees are needed one youth, one young adult, one male, and male and female persons of color or whose primary language is other than English – all non-clergy.

REIFF HALL CEILING PROJECT IS 'OFF AND RUNNING'

Abundant thanks to all who chose to support projects in Grace's Gift Catalog through our December Special Offering! With help from the Cookie Walk and previous donations, the Reiff Hall Ceiling Replacement fund already has ~\$8,500 – which is approaching the half-way point of the project estimate in just a few months!! That's SO amazing!!! We are hopeful that this project can begin at the end of Sunday School this year, in early May when contractors are available. Contributions to the Gift Catalog that are given in memory or honor of a person or an event will be recorded in Grace's Memorial Book. We welcome and appreciate all contributions to this much needed upgrade.

SUNDAY SMORGASBORD – 10:15AM (following worship)

- **February 10** - Meeting visiting guest Zephaniah coming from Norway with Pastor Check
- **February 17** - First Communion Prep
- **February 17** - Marriage Milestone & Companion Breakfast following 9:00am worship
- **February 24** - Meeting visiting guest Malachi coming from Norway with Pastor Check

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

Soup, soup, *delicious soup!!* It is time once again to start planning for six weeks of Lenten soup lunches. **With your help**, Grace will be serving soup meals during Lent. Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6, lunch will be served every Wednesday starting at 11:30 **if there is a meal coordinator for the lunch**. Please prayerfully consider your role and how you can help. Help is needed in several ways: serving as the meal coordinator, making your favorite soup, helping in the kitchen, or providing needed supplies. The sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Area. Thank you.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS—Coordinator and donations needed for Ash Wednesday-March 6, and also April 3 & 10 when St. Mary's worships with us. Please call the church office or talk with Pastor Mark.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OF THE MONTH - This month, we are featuring our grades K-1 Sunday School group. Their emphasis will be Caring Conversations – Highs and Lows. On February 24, they along with our 4th Graders will be leading the congregation in singing a song that goes along nicely with their theme of "Blessings and Bruises." Please take the time to thank and encourage our young people as they explore what their faith means to them and learn more about our awesome God!

FAMILY WORSHIP BOXES - Have you noticed some different activity from children around you in worship? Do you hear shakers? See tea lights lit? Catch colored streamers waving? These are examples of what families have in special boxes that they assembled for use in worship. They are designed so children can participate in worship in a fun & interactive way, even if they can't read the words or see all the time. **If you have not put together a box for your family & would like one, please contact Patti Gaedtke.** Visitors are encouraged to ask the ushers for one of the "Guest" boxes we have ready. Instructions are inside.

VDC – March 14-17, 2019

Sign up now to attend the **March 14-17, 2019 Via de Cristo weekend** at Camp Forest Springs near Westboro. This Christian growth experience is open to all baptized adults over 21 who wish to experience the love of Christ in many unique ways and learn how to show that love to others in their daily lives. Couples are encouraged to attend, although men's and women's activities will be held separately. **THERE IS NO COST** for the weekend, and your sponsor will drive you to and from the camp. Brochures can be found on the display in the gathering space. **Applications can be picked up in the church office and are due by February 16, and space is limited!** Contact Gail Wilson at (715) 453-5787 or Pastor Mark if you have questions. This experience has been a blessing to over 50 people from Grace already- please prayerfully consider attending! The experience is well worth your time!

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING—HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The offering will go to Damascus Road to help victims heal, educate all of us to know what to look for and how to respond, and provide more trainings, materials, and volunteers to do this.

- **Human Trafficking** is the recruitment, harboring, transporting, obtaining or maintaining of a person by means of: **FORCE** (rape, beatings, constraint, confinement, torture), **FRAUD** (false, or deceptive offers), **COERCION** (threats of serious harm; any threat intended to make victim believe that failure to comply would result in retaliation) for the purpose of a commercial sex act, or in which the person induced to perform such an act is under 18 years of age.
- **Damascus Road** was founded in 2009 and is 100% trained volunteer run, and 100% funded by your generous donations. We assist victims, conduct training, raise awareness, partner with law enforcement, and perform outreaches. Damascus Road has worked alongside a national missing children's organization, other anti-trafficking NGO's, and local law enforcement, resulting in recoveries each year.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY— By the Spirit's power, we live in an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father. No longer intent on serving ourselves, we realize that God pours out His blessings on us in order that we might pass His blessings on to others. When we stay in close fellowship with Jesus through His Word and Sacrament, He will use us as His channels through whom His blessings flow. We are blessed to be a blessing. Through our faithful service to others, we are filled with His joy and peace.

	Dec-18	Needed for	RECEIPTS vs.	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs.	Weekly Financial News <u>General Fund</u> \$12,159.00 <u>Noisy Collection</u> \$50.31 <u>Attendance</u> 188
December	Receipts	Budget	BUDGET	SPENDING	SPENDING	
General Fund	\$49,531	\$31,735	\$17,796	\$32,883	\$16,648	
Building Fund	\$6,098	\$5,076	\$1,022	\$5,076	\$1,022	
Total	\$55,629	\$36,811	\$18,818	\$37,959	\$17,670	
		YTD		YTD	YTD	
YEAR-TO-DATE	YTD	Needed for	DIFFERENCE	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs.	
	Receipts	Budget		SPENDING	SPENDING	
General Fund	\$361,169	\$380,820	\$(19,651)	\$357,832	\$3,337	
Building Fund	\$60,519	\$60,910	\$(391)	\$60,910	\$(391)	
Total	\$421,688	\$441,730	\$(20,042)	\$418,742	\$2,946	

Feb 9 & 10	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Serena Reinke	Robin Schmidt
Greeters	Sherry Thompson Dar Clements	Gibeault Family
Readers	Nancy Herbison	Paul Kurth
Ushers	Jeanette Lovsletten Peggy Price	Chris/Ed Raasch Greg/Steve Heikinen
Assisting Ministers	Gail Wilson	Corey Colburn
Communion Assistants		Marie Stark Shirley Derleth
Projection	Sue Mielke	Paula Norman
Altar Guild Sue Mielke Donna Olson Karen Torkelson	Counters Kathy David Heather Kurth Corky Burcalow	Projection Setup Lisa Elliott

Feb 16 & 17	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Kiannah Mullen	Sam Kurth
Greeters	Dan/Kay Salewske	Terry/Sarah Mann Family
Readers	Dave Reiff	Shirley Derleth
Ushers	Georgie Crass John Kromm	Dar Clements Marie Knipfer Mary Hoglund Dawn LaFevre
Assisting Ministers	Mark Gaedtke	Dave Schmit
Communion Assistants		Molly Mott Margie Welke
Projection	Betty Hudson	Brynn Beaumier
Altar Guild Sue Mielke Donna Olson Karen Torkelson	Counters Kathy David Heather Kurth Corky Burcalow	Projection Setup Chris Raasch

KITCHEN COORDINATOR(S) – Grace Lutheran is seeking to fill this paid position. The person in this position will be the coordinator/liaison to those who have applied to use our kitchen. It will be their responsibility to explain how our kitchen works and what is expected of them before, during and after the event. It will not be their responsibility to be present during the event. The coordinator's fee will be paid by the person or group that will be using the kitchen/hall. A complete job description can be found on our website www.gracelutherantomahawk.org, or in the Gathering Area. If you are interested in this position, please contact Debbie in the Church Office.

EVENTS & FUNDRAISER FORMS must be filled out prior to your event or fundraiser.

The main reasons are: 1.) It helps us quickly track information such as monies raised, and expenses for the event or fundraiser. 2.) Once you fill out this form whatever room or area of the church you need will be reserved for you. **Please do not take for granted that your event is good to go if you have not filled out the form and reserved your space.** You can find these forms outside the church office on the bulletin board to the right of the Copy room, or go to our website and click on “downloadable forms.”

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.

This past year we have had some conflicts on events, dates, and what areas of the church to be used along with events. If you do not fill out a form you and your committee/group are at risk of being bumped by another committee/group that has filled out the form and reserved the space.

