

Good News From Grace

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

February 16 & 17, 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!

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of Marcie Schmit. Marcie died Monday, February 11. Her celebration of life was held on Saturday (2/16.) Marcie was the mother of David (Cathy) Schmit, Rev. Clayton (Carol) Schmit, Rev. Diane (Estuardo) Dardon, and Donna Schmit. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

THANK YOU for all the prayers for Kippy Warner. They brought us comfort. Kippy died on Saturday (Feb. 10.) Thank you again. *Peggy Price*

THANK YOU

Mary & Gil Wessel want to thank all of you, our church family, for all the kind thoughts and prayers on Gil's road to recovery from his stroke. He can even drive again...so look out! *Gil & Mary Wessel*

MARRIAGE MILESTONE /COMPANION BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!

Join us at the Companion Breakfast this weekend as we honor and celebrate marriage!

SUNDAY SMORGASBORD – 10:15AM *(following worship)*

- **February 17** – First Communion Prep
- **February 17** – Marriage Milestone & Companion Breakfast following 9:00am worship
- **February 17** – Blood Pressure Clinic(free) in front of Youth Room sponsored by our Parish Nurses
- **February 24** - Meeting visiting guest Malachi coming from Norway with Pastor Check
- **February 24** – Holy Land with Pastor Ziemer

SOUPER Lunch & Dinner News

- **Lenten Soup Meal** – How can you help? Please check the SOUP MEAL sheet in the Gathering Area and see if you can fill in a blank square. Coordinate the lunch? Help in the kitchen? Make soup? Donate and item? Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Sign up at the table in the Gathering Area and please include your telephone number. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a delicious meal. Thank you.
- **Lenten Soup Dinners** – **We need your help for Soup Dinners on March 6, April 3 & 10.** Ash Wednesday is March 6 – this soup dinner will include our members and other worshippers who choose to join us. The April 3 & 10 soup dinners will include our friends from St. Mary's. PLEASE consider helping. Last year soup suppers were very well received by Grace & St.Mary's member alike. Sign up charts are in the Gathering Area.

YARN NEEDED—Our prayer shawl group would love to have any yarn that you could donate! This ministry is a wonderful gift and those receiving prayer shawls are deeply touched.

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).

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.

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 Gaedtko.** Visitors are encouraged to ask the ushers for one of the "Guest" boxes we have ready. Instructions are inside.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY— God’s grace provides the basis for all Christian stewardship. The grace given to us from our heavenly Father Who freely sent His Son should be our motivation to respond with an “abundance of joy” and “in a wealth of generosity” (2 Corinthians 8:1-2). It wasn’t an overabundance of money or possessions that caused the Macedonians to give so sacrificially. No, it was God’s grace that led them to beg earnestly to be allowed to contribute to the church in Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 8:1-2). The Macedonians truly understood that “*It is more blessed to give than to receive*” (Acts 20:35).F

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.

JANUARY	Receipts	Jan-19 Needed for Budget	RECEIPTS vs. BUDGET	ACTUAL SPENDING	RECEIPTS vs. SPENDING
General Fund	\$ 27,273	\$ 33,019	\$ (5,746)	\$ 30,480	\$ (3,207)
Building Fund	\$ 6,322	\$ 4,363	\$ 1,959	\$ 4,363	\$ 1,959
Total	\$ 33,595	\$ 37,382	\$ (3,787)	\$ 34,843	\$ (1,248)
		YTD		YTD	YTD

Attendance 181 **General Fund \$3,593.00** **Noisy Collection \$48.37**

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	Jessie Stromberg
Ushers	Georgie Crass John Kromm	Dar Clements, Marie Knipfer Mary Hoglund, Dawn LaFevre
Assisting Ministers	Mark Gaedtko	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

Feb 23 & 24	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Ellie Witulski	Bryn Baalke
Greeters	Dar Kluball Peggy Price	Ed/Chris/Renee Raasch Mary Hoglund
Readers	Dar Kluball	Grace Witulski
Ushers	Ron Lueneberg Karen Olson	Marilyn Smith Tom/Donna Stone Margie Welke
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Herbison	Al Overhaug
Communion Assistants		Marie Stark Shirley Derleth
Projection	Don Tinker	Whitney Osero
Altar Guild Sue Mielke Donna Olson Karen Torkelson	Counters Kathy David Heather Kurth Corky Burcalow	Projection Setup Lisa Elliott

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.