

# Good News From Grace

*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship*

**February 2 & 3, 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!**

## 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

- **February 2 & 3, 4:00 pm - Pastor Nancy's Book Study**, Feb. 2 at 4:00pm, Feb. 3 at 10:15am
- **February 3 - Breakfast with Pastor Mark (He picks up the tab!) on Conversation about faith**, Grace, joining Grace, God's call, God's mission, etc. Connect with Pastor Mark to set this up.
- **February 10 - Meeting visiting guest Zephaniah coming from Norway with Pastor Check**
- **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 many different 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.

**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.

**GREATER GALILEE TRIP - FEBRUARY 9 & 10 - See insert.**

**Winter Fun Day at Camp** at Camp Forest Springs is THIS Sunday, February 3.

## 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!

## GRIEF SUPPORT HAS BEGUN - 9:00 to 10:00 AM - A. F. Lounge

Grief is a normal and necessary reaction to the loss of someone you care about. It is important to know that everyone grieves in their own way and in their own time. The grieving process can be overwhelming & confusing. Join facilitators Mark & Patti at Grace Lutheran in the A. F. Lounge. This group is sponsored by Krueger Family Funeral and Grace Lutheran. Call Mark or Patti at (715) 453-5907 if you have questions.

**PICK UP in the GATHERING AREA**

- 2019 offering envelopes
- Crist in Our Home Devotional booklet
- Memory Tree Ornaments

**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](http://www.gracelutherantomahawk.org), or in the Gathering Area. If you are interested in this position, please contact Debbie in the Church Office.

**February Special Offering—Human Trafficking**

Did the tragedy and experience of Jayme Closs shock you, move you, alarm, you? There is much you can do. February’s Special Offering will educate what, why and how this is happening right in our state. 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 dedicated to bring awareness through educating, restoring and empowering the abused, and advocating for the prevention and abolition of human trafficking. Damascus Road is 100% trained volunteer run, and 100% funded by your generous donations. No one draws a wage, so 100% of funds donated directly serve our local communities. 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**— The inner joy and peace that come from an intimate relationship with Christ will survive any trial and sustain us through all circumstances. God has the answers for all our questions, all our needs, and all our doubts and fears in His Word. Through His Son, Jesus, we receive all of the Father’s riches. What a beautiful thought that is! God chose us before time began to be His children! He adopted us. Because of Jesus, we belong, we matter, we are no longer outcasts, we are members of His family, and we receive Jesus’ everlasting joy!

	Dec-18	Needed for	RECEIPTS vs.	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS vs.
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

<b>Weekly Financial News</b>
<u>General Fund</u> \$5,952.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$29.59
<u>Attendance</u> 175

Feb 2 & 3	5:00 pm	9:00 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lauren Hansmann	Scout Stromberg
<b>Greeters</b>	Peggy Price Karen Olson	John/Kari Krueger Don/Carolyn Halverson
<b>Readers</b>	Nona Arthur	Jessie Stromberg
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Schuller Dar Kluball	Jim VanNorman Margie Welke Jackie/Sandy Wick
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Joe Story	Shirley Derleth
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Lynn Brown Al Overhaug
<b>Projection</b>	Jason Mielke	Mike Wick
<b>Altar Guild</b> Sue Mielke Donna Olson Karen Torkelson	<b>Counters</b> Kathy David Heather Kurth Corky Burcalow	<b>Projection Setup</b> Karen Torkelson

Feb 9 & 10	5:00 pm	9:00 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Serena Reinke	Robin Schmidt
<b>Greeters</b>	Sherry Thompson Dar Clements	Gibeault Family
<b>Readers</b>	Nancy Herbison	Paul Kurth
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeanette Lovsletten Peggy Price	Chris/Ed Raasch Greg/Steve Heikkinen
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Gail Wilson	Corey Colburn
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Marie Stark Shirley Derleth
<b>Projection</b>	Sue Mielke	Paula Norman
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