

Good News From Grace

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

March 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!

THANK YOU for the cards and prayers while I recovered from my broken ankle. God is always at work in our lives! Phyllis Marquardt.

INTERESTED IN GRACE? Grace Lutheran OR GOD'S grace?

The first Sunday of each month is brunch/conversation time on GRACE and grace. Pastor Mark will take you to brunch, explain ministries, history, background of Grace, and converse on your desires and expectations. This is the time of year Grace receives new members. Not all are ready for "membership", but many definitely want a place in which to be wanted, supported, grow and serve. Let's do this together! Contact the church office at 715 543-4066 for specifics or to sign up to meet Pastor Mark after worship on the 1st Sunday.

CREATING A LIFE WITH GOD DATE CHANGE – PASTOR NANCY'S BOOK STUDY

The group learning about prayer practices will meet the last weekend in March instead of the first weekend in April. This is due to the "church ladies diner" and "Bow the Knee" performance. **See you Saturday March 30 at 4pm and Sunday March 31 after 9am Worship** in the Lounge.

CHURCH LADIES DINER REOPENS APRIL 6 & 7!

Mark your calendars for the Church Ladies Diner to reopen April 6 & 7 at the annual WJJQ Home, Sport, and Travel Show. The Diner's great success is only possible through the tremendous support of the people of Grace Lutheran. It is truly a team effort. Once again we are seeking your help. There are many way to get involved; setup, serving, donating baked goods, soda, water, supplies, and of course coming to the Diner for lunch! You won't be disappointed. Margie will be whipping up her famous hot beef sandwiches; Al will be grilling brats, and there will be delectable baked goods available for dessert. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area. Proceeds will go to: Lekubu Creche, Grace House maintenance, and Grace Lutheran's Debt Reduction.

BLOOD PRESURE CLINIC – THIS WEEKEND - MARCH 16 & 17 – COURTESY OF PARISH NURSES

You are invited to our free blood pressure clinic this weekend, **March 16 (Sat) at 4:45pm and March 17 (Sun) at 10:15am**. Watch the church calendar for dates on these clinics. At this time we are planning to have them on the third weekend of every month (Except for April of this year.)

SUNDAY SMORGASBORD – 10:15AM (following worship)

March 17 – Blood Pressure Clinic (Free)

March 31 – Pastor Nancy's Book Study: Creating a Life With God

SO THANKFUL FOR THE CITY PARKING LOT!!!

Grace has always been grateful for the proximity and use of our city's Municipal Parking Lot. With the many recent snowfalls, we are additionally grateful that the city plows this so quickly and keeps it so clean. Where could we possibly park now if we didn't have this parking lot?!? This seems like a good time to remember that Grace has a City Parking Lot restricted fund with over \$6,000 to be used for the complete resurfacing of the city lot, which is now scheduled for next year - 2020. If you are interested in contributing to this fund at any time, just write "City Parking Lot" on your envelope. We'll let the city know before "budget time" (around August) how much we are able to give toward completion of this project. Any contributions are always appreciated.

GRACE LUTHERAN'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT - SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 9:00-1:00 PM TOMAHAWK COMMUNITY BANK'S COMMUNITY ROOM – JOIN US!

Grace needs your input and involvement. The church as the Body of Christ is people.

Without you the church is not the Body of Christ and not a church.

- Specific focus this year will be to reflect upon the purpose and focus of our ministries. In general, what, why and how do churches and individuals determine God's call and mission?
- This year's retreat will focus on Grace and Tomahawk and the people, resources, needs and opportunities unique to us. Pastor Jean DeVoll-Donaldson, Director of Evangelical Mission and Darlene Kalfahs, Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership Development and Faith Formation will lead.
- The retreat is for all members of Grace and all interested in the ministries of Grace.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR (following worship) **is in danger of being discontinued.** We need coffee hosts desperately. It's a small but delightful way to serve your church. You do not have to commit to every Sunday – you may choose the Sunday's you prefer. Please call Lynn Brown for details 715 453-0860.

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.

SOUPER Lunch & Dinner News – THANK YOU FOR ASH WEDS. RESPONSE

- **Lenten Soup Meal** –Please check the SOUP MEAL sheet in the Gathering Area and see if you can fill in a blank square. 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. The April 3 & 10 soup dinners will include our friends from St. Mary's. Last year soup suppers were very well received by Grace & St.Mary's member alike. Sign up charts are in the Gathering Area.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY— Our relationships with fellow believers are not dependent upon external things but develop because of Jesus' love for us and our love for Him. In Acts 2:44-46 we find a special relationship among believers. *“And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.”* Among these fellow believers, there was a willingness to share things. They looked out for each other both physically and spiritually. Equality existed because those in need received from those who had the ability to share. This love for and interest in others can come only from hearts that have been changed by God.

MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING—TAIV

TOMAHAWK AREA INTERFAITH VOLUNTEERS

TAIV is the recipient of the March Special Offering. Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers is a nonprofit organization that helps seniors and/or disabled persons of all ages to live in the residence of their choice by providing volunteer services and some transportation as needed. There are several ways people of Grace can support TAIV:

- **Volunteer** – Make visits, friendly phone calls, light housekeeping, yard work and more.
- **Donations** – Use the special offering envelope in the pew and mark it as March Special Offering.
- **Care-Recipients** – Refer people who could use our services by calling the TAIV office at (715) 453-8200.
- **TAIV Annual Spring Fundraiser** Purchase tickets for our Saturday, March 30th local Talent Showcase at Inshalla Country Club. This is our big annual fundraiser that is a fun community event. Tickets are \$35 per person and sold at the TAIV Office in the Senior Center.

FEBRUARY	Receipts	February-19 Needed for Budget	RECEIPTS vs. BUDGET	ACTUAL SPENDING	RECEIPTS vs. SPENDING
General Fund	\$ 21,817	\$ 33,019	\$ (7,092)	\$ 27,511	\$ (5,694)
Building Fund	\$ 3,918	\$ 4,363	\$ 760	\$ 4,363	\$ (445)
Total	\$ 258,735	\$ 37,382	\$ (7,852)	\$ 31,874	\$ (6,139)

YEAR to DATE	Receipts	Needed YTD	DIFFERENCE	ACTUAL SPENDING YTD	RECEIPTS VS SPENDING YTD
General Fund	\$ 49,090	\$ 66,038	\$ (16,948)	\$ 56,442	\$ (7,352)
Building Fund	\$ 10,240	\$ 8,727	\$ 1,513	\$ 8,726	\$ 1,514
Total	\$ 59,330	\$ 74,765	\$ (15,435)	\$ 65,168	\$ (5,838)

Sunday Attendance
151

General Fund
\$3,670.00

Noisy Collection
\$35.70

Wednesday Attendance
146 (3/6)

General Fund
293.00 (3/6)

March 16 & 17	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Megan Miles	Jax Loka
Greeters	Peggy Price	Marie Knipfer Don & Carolyn Halverson Mary Hoglund
Readers	Dan Schuller	Brian Schmidt
Ushers	Dan Schuller Jeanette Lovesletten	Steve Kahle, Jack Lauder John Krueger Renee Raasch
Assisting Ministers	Al Overhaug	Corey Colburn
Communion Assistants		Molly Mott Shirley Derleth
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Paula Norman
Altar Guild Georgie Crass Janis Southworth Heather Niede	Counters Linda Pashek Bob LaNou Julie Dentler	Projection Setup Paula Norman

March 23 & 24	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Mason Peck	Ayla McCormick
Greeters	Dan & Kay Salewske	John & Kari Krueger Jim & Donna Olson
Readers	Nona Arthur	Shirley Derleth
Ushers	John Kromm Georgie Crass	Marie Knipfer Dar Clements Marilyn Smith Jim VanNorman
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Herbison	Shirley Derleth
Communion Assistants		Lynn Brown Al Overhaug
Projection	Don Tinker	Whitney Osero
Altar Guild Georgie Crass Janis Southworth Heather Niede	Counters Linda Pashek Bob LaNou Julie Dentler	Projection Setup Lisa Elliott

KITCHEN COORDINATOR(S) – Grace Lutheran is seeking to fill this paid position. This person will be the coordinator/liaison to those who apply to use our kitchen, responsibility to explain how our kitchen works and what is expected of them before, during and after the event. The coordinator's fee will be paid by the person or group using the kitchen/hall. If you are interested in this position, please contact Debbie or Sandi in the Church Office.

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 church's 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 (karen_torkelson@yahoo.com) or Mike Wick (wickms@aol.com).

REPRESENTATIVES ARE NEEDED

Grace is looking for additional people to represent our congregation at the Gustavus Adolphus annual meeting and Faith Conference on Saturday, April 27 in St. Peter, MN, from 9:30-2:30. Registration is due asap. Church Council, youth, men & women groups, and mentors and teachers are encouraged to attend with no limit. Please contact the church office. Debbie Hetzel has more information and will handle registration.

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 from Family Worship Boxes and are designed so children can participate in worship in a fun & interactive way, **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.**

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.

