

Good News From Grace

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendship

March 30 & 31 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!

CHURCH LADIES DINER – APRIL 6 & 7 - CAN YOU HELP?

There are many open slots on the sign-up sheets for next weekend's Diner. If you can help in any way, please stop by the table in the gathering space to sign up today.

Thanks to all who have already signed up to support the Diner. We hope to see you there next weekend! Be listening for Al and John on the WJJQ Forum this Wednesday. If you have any questions, please contact Al Overhaug, Margie Welke, John Kromm, or Sherry Clements. Again, we thank you!!!

EASTER WORSHIP INFORMATION – See more details in the April Newsletter

- Palm Sunday, April 13/14 - Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am
- Maundy Thursday, April 18, 1:00 and 6:30 pm (at Grace)
- Good Friday, April 19, 1:00 and 6:30 pm (at Grace)
- Easter Vigil, April 20, 6:30 pm—See *Pastor Nancy's column on page 3 in the April newsletter.*
- **Easter Sunday**, April 21, 6:30 & 9:00 am
 - Easter Breakfast, April 21, 7:30 & 10:00 am
 - Easter Bag Hunt, April 21, 10:00am

April 7 - 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 – THIS WEEKEND

The group learning about prayer practices will meet this weekend 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.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER GATHERING – JULY 18-21, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

This Gathering will focus on the ways creative congregations and courageous leaders contribute to a just world where all are fed. Deb Martin from our synod is attending and is looking for one more attendee. Outcome of this event is to network and share ideas so that congregations and synods may communicate and address hunger more effectively both locally and globally.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR (following worship) is in danger of being discontinued.

Thank you to those who stepped up to help with Coffee Hour! **We are still in need** of more coffee hosts. 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 Even though this is a somber, penitential time during the church year, the Christian cannot help but have joy in his heart – joy that must be accompanied with humble gratitude for the freedom from sin and the sure hope of salvation that is ours, for *“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him”* (John 3:36). Let us daily thank the Lord for the forgiveness of sins and purifying us from all unrighteousness. Let us daily show our gratitude by looking for opportunities to tell others about Jesus’ love and forgiveness.

**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.

FEBRUARY	February-19 Needed for		RECEIPTS vs.		ACTUAL		RECEIPTS vs.	
	Receipts	Budget	BUDGET	SPENDING	SPENDING	SPENDING	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 **General Fund \$4,564.00** **Noisy Collection \$47.82** **Wednesday Attendance 43 (3/20)** **General Fund \$85.00 (3/20)**

March 30 & 31	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Ethan Traves	Ellie Witulski
Greeters	Sherry Thompson	Tom & Donna Stone Jason & Jessie Stromberg
Readers	Dar Kluball	Grace Witulski
Ushers	Dar Kluball Ron Luenberg	Gibeault Family Nick Amott
Assisting Ministers	Joe Story	Al Overhaug
Communion Assistants		Shirley Derleth Marie Stark
Projection	Jason Mielke	Mike Wick
Altar Guild Georgie Crass Janis Southworth Heather Niede	Counters Linda Pashek Bob LaNou Julie Dentler	Projection Setup Keri Kelley

April 6 & 7	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Acolytes	Lauren Hansmann	Sam Kurth
Greeters	Dar Kluball	Al Tesch Heather, Jesse, Nathan Tobias
Readers	Nancy Herbison	Jeanine Gudgeon
Ushers	Jeanette Lovesletten Dar Clements	Brett Baumier Steve & Greg Heikkinen Jerry Jagmin
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Herbison	Paul Kurth
Communion Assistants		Margie Welke Molly Mott
Projection	Betty Hudson	Allison Schmidt
Altar Guild Karen Stefan Kathryn Loka Rhonda Grabow	Counters Barb Schiltz Ruth Ann Richardson Diane Popp	Projection Setup Jackie Leonard

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

REPRESENTATIVES ARE NEEDED

Grace is adding 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.