

Announcements for May 21, 2017

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Recent Ruth's Pantry Numbers

Households Served – 34

Family Members – 107

Volunteer Hours – 78

Ruth's Pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce, paper grocery bags and canned fruit.

Congregational Meeting

The annual May Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21, immediately following the 9:00 worship service (Note: May 21 is the first Sunday of the summer schedule). Year-to-date budget information will be provided, along with elections for Congregation Council and Ruth's Food Pantry Board. One Council position is available for a 2-year term and two positions are available for 3-year terms. There are also three positions available for Ruth's Food Pantry Board. Those positions include the following: • Property Maintenance Coordinator • Communications Coordinator • Ruth's Closet Coordinator. Anyone interested in any of the Council or Pantry positions, including those individuals whose current terms are finished and wish to be reelected, are asked to write a short paragraph about themselves and why they are interested in being elected. After the Congregational meeting on May 21, everyone is invited to stay for an "End-of-the-Sunday-School Year Celebration" event at the ball diamond hosted by the LYF team. The event will include food, activities, and fellowship.

Congregational Meeting Agenda: May 21 at 10 am

Call to Order

Prayer

Minutes of Previous Congregational Meetings

Elections for Council

Other Elections

Reports

Finance Reports, Budget Update

Other Business

VOTE to Call a Pastor

From the Desk of Pastor Ted...

Producing Announcements and Bulletins

For nearly two years, I have produced the worship bulletins. It is a task that I find helpful to my planning and organizing of worship service details. I also enjoy the task of layout (except when I make dumb mistakes.) Generally, I also print and fold them as needed.

Since a staff adjustment was made in late 2015, I have also have had the responsibility for announcements that are placed into bulletins. Alissa was asked to take on the task for about a year; that was concluded on May 1. A primary reason is that the planned and initiated committees (Evangelism and Stewardship) simply did not function adequately to provide the information for announcements. I decided to again take on the responsibility. By no means do I claim to be effective at creating and keeping good track of announcements... but I will do what I can to accomplish the task.

I'm not sure what the congregation and its leadership will do with these two responsibilities as we approach and enter a new pastoral era. A vote to call a new pastor will happen next week; my contract will end soon after.

I would be more than happy to train a number of people in producing either or both of these weekly documents. Please let me know if you might have an interest in learning more about how these two tasks might be done. Perhaps it will simply be a problem or immediate challenge for the next pastor to deal with.

Summer Worship

The summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, May 21. In addition to the weekly 6:30 Wednesday evening service, one service will be held at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday until Labor Day. Some of those services will be held in the outdoor worship area. Watch the weekly bulletins, the newsletter, and the glcw.org Web site for information about outdoor worship.

Concession Stand – Up & Running – More Help?

Thanks to all who have signed up to help with concessions. We got started this week with a very busy time on Tuesday and another on Wednesday. We have learned that we CAN get by with three people, but when Kay has her surgery, we will need another helper. Please consider spending an evening or several with us at the ball park. The sign-up sheet remains in the gathering area.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

During the month of June, we have one educational offering. On Monday, June 26, at 10:30 a.m. in the Linwood commons, we will host a program about hearing loss. Our speaker will be an audiologist. He will speak about types of hearing loss and means of treatment and, of course, discuss types of hearing aids. Please call at 734-7225 to register in advance with your name and phone number, just in case there is a change in the program.

Vacation Bible School

Maker Fun Factory VBS will be hosted at Grace the week of June 12, 2017. At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them—and for a purpose! Kids participate in memorable Bible learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God’s love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Funshop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned. Save the date and join us for an awesome adventure

Memorial Day Observance

The Winneconne American Legion Post 364 will observe Memorial Day with a ceremony at 9:00 a.m. on May 29 at the Grace Lutheran Church cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend.

Summer Youth Programs

Summer is just around the corner, and with that comes lots of exciting things from our L.Y.F. Program. This year we will see the return of our youth groups Little Explorers and Quest, a fun-filled VBS, Choir Camp, an in-depth anti-bullying workshop, and much more. Be on the lookout for full schedules and registration information coming soon, and be sure to “Like Us” on Facebook so you don’t miss the latest news and events!

General Fund Update Through April

Below is an update on the General Fund ONLY for 2017. Note – a significant one-time donation was received. Without it, the actual balance of the General Fund for the end of April would be about \$0 . . . which means that sufficient undesignated offerings were received to pay ALL of the bills to date. Grace is blessed to currently have a General Fund “surplus.”

Grace Lutheran General Fund 2017 Overview

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>End Balance</u>
January	\$0	\$15,875	-\$12,914	\$2,961
February	\$2,961	\$13,571	-\$20,361	-\$3,829
March	-\$3,829	\$16,484	-\$15,957	-\$3,302
April	-\$3,302	\$38,972	-\$22,630	\$13,040
May	\$13,040			\$13,040
June	\$13,040			\$13,040
July	\$13,040			\$13,040
August	\$13,040			\$13,040
September	\$13,040			\$13,040
October	\$13,040			\$13,040
November	\$13,040			\$13,040
December	\$13,040			\$13,040
Year End Transfer to/from General Fund Reserves:			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$13,040</u>

Total for the Year:	\$84,902	-\$71,862
Monthly Average:	\$21,226	-\$17,966