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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:15 am and 11:00 am

Sunday School

9:15 am and 11:00 am

FALL 2017

FROM PASTOR TIM

May the God of all peace be with you as you take the few minutes to read this newsletter.

I am reminded of God's Word from the inspired mind of wise old King Solomon when he wrote: "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed." (Proverbs 15:22)

I have always said that even without a parochial school Grace Church has the most talented and vision minded members of any church! Through the counsel from the members of our various boards and committees and the talent and vision of our children's ministries the plans of our congregation move along with great faith.

Our worship life has been enhanced by a talented music staff and volunteers in both our Chancel Choir, our Handbell Choir and our instrumentalists. May God continue to bless our music ministry - staff and volunteers!

Let me say a few words about our Sunday School. While it is true that the

numbers our down from years gone by that does not stop our teachers and staff from teaching the Word of God and proclaiming the love of Jesus Christ to children who also desperately need to hear that Jesus loves them! Many churches in our area and points beyond have given up on a Sunday School - WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP!!

Also, take a look at our Nursery! Those little ones that are cared for on Sunday mornings by our very busy Nursery sitters will grow up soon and start Sunday School! We can't wait! These babies are our future Sunday School students, catechism students and acolytes, etc. Adult sitters are needed!

Our youth ministries under the leadership of Pastor Zack has been busy and active and many plans are underway for the Fall Season! Those who attended the Jr. High Youth Gathering in Frankenmuth are still talking about it. Thank you to Bonnie Karkheck and Lori Mross for your help!

Pastor Tim (Cont.)

This congregation has also been blessed this spring and summer with new members who have already joined in volunteer opportunities, ministries, and have been serving their Lord through a great stewardship life both in giving and in serving. We welcome you and thank you!

In Closing

While I sit here frantically typing on my laptop the sounds of banging and hammering are heard above me! No, it's not the call of our Lord but the roofers are FINALLY working on our roof.

You are all a part of that as well! Through your stewardship and giving to our Roof Fund already the need to borrow from ourselves continues to get smaller. A BIG thank you to all of you who have both given to our weekly budget needs and to our Roof Fund.

"Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed." (Prov. 15:22). "Nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

Pastor Tim ✠✠✠

Here's What's In This Newsletter

- "Craig's Corner"
- Youth Ministries Calendar
- Catechism Ministry Calendar
- Women's Ministries Calendar
- 500th Anniversary Reformation Information

"Craig's Corner"

General Budget Information:

Contributions through June of 2017:

\$163,000.00

Contributions through June 2016:

\$168,000.00

Expenditures through June 2017:

\$194,000.00

Expenditures through June 2016:

\$184,000.00

Giving totals: -\$31,000.00

Roof Fund Information:

Estimated final cost needed \$290,00.00

Contributions through June 2017:

\$11,500.00

Contributions through June 2016:

\$10,000.00

Total contributions as of June 2017:

\$21,000.00

Insurance Coverage Amount:

\$89,000.00

Total Giving Toward Roof Fund in 2016 and 2017 **\$110,000.00**

Still needed: **\$180,000.00**

We remind all of you that even while you are gone in the months of August and September the work of the Church continues. We thank you for your continued Stewardship support. With your generous contributions and the insurance check so far toward the Roof Fund the need to borrow from ourselves through a Lutheran Church Extension Fund investment continues to get less.

God Bless you and thank you for your continued support of Grace Church!

Craig Pierson, Treasurer

Youth News!

There are many upcoming activities for the youth of our church. While we are so spread out and youth come from many different middle schools and high schools across the tri-county area it's great that we can get together and share fun, fellowship, and God's Word together as members of our church.

Corn Maze!

The "Kick-Off" for our youth activities will start on **Sunday, September 17** as we enjoy a 7-acre corn maze at Three Cedars Farm in Northville. We will have lunch at Church and leave as a group at 1:00 pm. Once we gather at Three Cedars we will take a hay ride to the corn maze and end with doughnuts, cider, and a petting farm! The cost will be \$10.00/person.

Youth Bashes!

Join us as we open the East End of our building for the Youth! There will be games in the gym, the Wii on a 70" screen TV, ping-pong tournaments, the Youth Room will be open for less-strenuous activities, and, of course, as always, a devotion based on God's Word. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

So ... Here's the Schedule:

>Corn Maze - Sunday, Sept. 17 (1-4 pm)

>Youth Bash - Sunday, Oct. 22nd

>Youth Bash - Sunday, Nov. 26th

(Youth Bashes are from 12:30 - 2 pm)

>Youth Christmas Caroling, Sun, Dec. 10 (12:30 pm - 6:00 pm) - More Info.

>Youth Bash - Sunday, Jan. 28th

I am looking forward to a great turnout and hope that all of our faithful youth will return and that we will also have new youth join us.

The age for all youth activities will be 5th Grade - 12th Grade. We will always break up for age appropriate games and Devotions during the Youth Bashes! Hope to see you!!

Pastor Zack

Other Events Coming Up!

Sunday School Christmas Pageant -
Sunday, Dec. 17th

Trunk - N - Treat
Sunday, Oct. 22nd

More information to follow!!

Catechism Information:

Catechism is a two-year ministry and begins for students who have entered 6th Grade and continue into their 7th Grade year where then they will Confirm their faith and receive First Communion.

The beginning Schedule is as follows:

Parent's Meeting for 1st and 2nd Year will be conducted in the East Chapel on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:15 pm. Students are not required to attend.

Catechism Classes for students will begin on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:15 pm.

An information letter will be sent out shortly to all parents.

Women's Ministries!!

The women of Grace Church work hard and have fun, too! Make sure you thank them for their work in the Lord or join with them. They meet every fourth Monday of each month from August - May.

The Fall Season for the Women's Ministries begins on Monday, August 28 at 12:00 Noon. Bring a sandwich for lunch and dessert and beverages will be furnished. We hope to see all of our returning women and new women interested in joining this great group!



Advanced Notice!!

October Festival

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Sponsored jointly by our Women's Ministries and the Sunday School.

More information will follow soon.



"It's Still About Jesus"

Reformation 500 - Festival Worship

This will prove to be an exciting Reformation Season! As Lutheran Christians we will have the honor of celebrating 500 Years of the Lutheran Church. Let us all thank our Lord above for all of the blessings that He has bestowed upon our Lutheran Church world-wide!

On Sunday, October 15, 2017 join with us at the Breslin Center on the Campus of Michigan State University to celebrate this great milestone. A bus has been rented and we need at least 56 passengers to cover the cost of transportation. We have room for about 15 more people! Tickets will also need to be ordered.

This worship service is FREE but the bus cost for travel will be \$20.00 per family of four or \$5.00 per individual.

Dr. Martin Luther did more than just Reform a much needed Church, you may not know this but in the year 2000 Martin Luther was selected as the 3rd person out 100 who had the most impact in our world. The first two were Galileo and Copernicus. The Reformation impacted the world and shed a bright beam of light not only with the Word of God but with the thoughts and practices of the Dark Ages.

Please join with us all as we sit together in the Breslin Center and thank our Lord above!

Sign up is at the Information Center or call the Church office.