



# News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ October 2016

## Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

*"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."*



Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon,  
Judy Kautz, Debbie  
Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell,

Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie  
Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead,

Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean  
Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre,  
Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Jeff  
Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop  
Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie  
Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry  
Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett,  
Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, and  
Richard G.

### **We also remember the families of...**

Sawyer Boyd, who passed away August 28.  
Willford Platt, who passed away September 24.

## **Cabinets on 2nd floor available**

Four very sturdy cabinets - 73.5 in long x 26  
deep x 30 high are available. Submit your bids  
to the church office **THIS WEEK**. They are very  
sturdy. Shop benches ?????? They will go in  
the youth garage sale on 8 & 9 if unsold.

We're cleaning out the second floor in the  
hope that a community organization or project  
may be found that can use that space.



## Card/Game Night with Baked Potato/ Ice Cream Bar

**October 20, 2016**

**Grace Lutheran Church**

Doors open at 5 - Meal served at 6  
\$7.00 per person

Door prizes - Quilt Raffle  
Limited Seating

Contact Arlis 356-9583 or Patti 354-5990

Sponsored by Grace Lutheran Quilting Group

### **CARD PARTY HELP NEEDED**

If you are able to help with the card party or  
have card tables we could use, please sign up  
on the sheet located in the Narthex. Thanks!



**Friday, October 7**

**9am - 5pm**

**Saturday, October 8**

**9am - 1pm**

Help with set up would be greatly appreciated!  
See Vicki Denstaedt (916-9258)

### **Mark your calendars!**

**Grace Lutheran Semi-Annual Meeting  
November 6, 2016**

*From the  
Pastor*



The Interfaith Amigos

By the time you read this, the Interfaith Amigos will have come and gone from Alpena. We don't yet know the response to their visit. What I do know is the absolutely fascinating journey it has been to bring them here and all the things to make it happen.

I volunteered to head up the marketing and publicity for their visit. What I know are the new things I have been exposed to and learned during the course of this project. Early in the year, I visited with Jackie Kcrawzak, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and Mary Beth Stutzman President and CEO of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The very daunting information I was given in that meeting was the old business maxim that it takes 7 exposures to a product/service/company to create a customer was just that old. Recent research suggests 9 to 12 exposures is now required I was told.

Then they told me that publicity should start 3 or more months out. The aim was for 1 exposure every other week. Then move to 1 new exposure each week. Finally reach several media exposures each week of the last few weeks.

Wow. That's a lot of publicity in the broadest sense of the word. This couldn't just be advertising in our case. Trying to think of all the ways we could reach people within our resources was challenging. It ended up including: posters around town, newspaper articles about the events leading up to the actual visit, brochures that could be picked up, a facebook site that people could like and friend so their friends would know about it, articles and announcements in church newsletters, bulletins and websites, announcements during worship services, big signs at the sides of roads, contacting peace and interfaith groups around the state, community book discussions, promoting it for book club reads, placement on community calendars, sending emails out to possibly interested groups or individuals, distributing information at regional church meetings, mailing packets of flyers and brochures to libraries in the area and word of mouth. We did finally use newspaper, radio, and web advertising.

I learned there is a specific format for press releases that you send to news organizations. And even a special way to do it in emails.

I learned there is grant money available from a variety of sources for projects like this. And that organizations far from our area, as in down state, would support efforts up north. One granting organization said the maximum you could apply for was \$500. So of course that was what was applied for. They granted \$1000. The financial support for this project came from 12 different sources including Grace Lutheran.

I really learned that a committed and dedicated group of people could do quite a lot. An amazing amount actually!

I learned a whole lot of people have curiosity and are looking toward a blessed and brighter future for the world.

I learned a lot.

Thank you to all.

*Pastor Tom*

PS at the last minute

Squeezing in the results of the Amigos visit. We had over a hundred people in each of the 2 daytime workshops. Around 125 different people in total. There were at least 250 in attendance for the evening presentation. People came from Detroit, Dearborn, Grand Blanc, Gaylord, Bay City, Traverse City, Petoskey, Lewiston, Cheboygan and Pickford that we know of as well as our immediate area.



## Wedding

We pray for God's blessings for Caitlin Palmer and Steven Wade, who were married here at Grace on September 24.

## We Need You, You Old Bag

Still Needed: plastic Neiman's/Walmart/Meijer-type plastic bags. Bags are being used to make mats for people to sleep on. We have three mats made already and our workers are anxious to make more, but plastic bag supply has run low. We can use all the bags you can bring us. Please place them in the recycling box in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!



Thank you to all who made cookies for the Interfaith Amigos' events. We committed to provide 20 dozen and you went

beyond that. The extra cookies were donated to Friendship Room and other needs in the community. Thanks to all again.

~~~~~

Thanks to all who participated in God's Work, Our Hands projects on Sunday, Sept. 11. Six members planted flowers and worked on gardens at Samaritas and 17 helped get the west side of Grace cemetery cleaned—all the headstones were power-washed plus numerous other chores done. Take a ride out there and see the improvement! Special thanks to Dawn Anderson for chairing the event and Sandra Christopherson for being in charge at the cemetery.

~~~~~

It was a joy to receive messages from so many of you during my recent illness. And I felt the power of your many prayers. Thank you! It's good to be "back home" and feeling nearly "back to normal."

Polly Cook

## Ruth Circle

**CHANGE OF DATE...**The Ruth Circle (Women of Grace) has changed their monthly meetings to the 4th Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26, in the lounge at 1:00 p.m. with all women welcome. Darlene Freel is the chairman and can be reached at 354-8866.

## Blood Drive

**St. Anne Catholic Church  
817 Sable St., Alpena**

**Monday, October 17  
11:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

Sponsored by All Saints Parish  
For info or appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
(sponsor code: Alpena)  
or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

## SERRV Bazaar

**First Congregational UCC  
201 S. 2nd Ave., Alpena  
October 28-29**

First Congregational UCC is hosting its 42nd annual SERRV Bazaar, featuring fairly traded handcrafts from artisans in developing countries around the world on Friday, October 28, 2-6 p.m., and Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Featured items include jewelry, scarves and accessories, textiles, ceramics, baskets, home décor, nativities, Fair Trade coffee, food and Divine chocolate. All of the quality crafts at the sale are handmade by artisans from 36 countries around the world, including underprivileged parts of the U.S. Every purchase directly helps improve working conditions, access to healthcare and education for the artisans and their families by offering them fair wages for their crafts. Please join us for this unique shopping opportunity!



# Outreach and Mission

## Local

**Community Outreach Money for August** was given to Salvation Army for their backpack program in Alpena, The August noisy offering was also given for this for a total of \$301.00

### **LOVING CARE MEMBER VISITS**

All members are invited to help assemble goodie bags on Wednesday, **October 12 at 10:00 a.m.** Then we will deliver the "goodies" on Thursday, **October 13 at 11:00 a.m.** Remember cards, calls and visits to these

### **"MAKING CHOICES – DISCERNMENT"**

**A spiritual retreat for men and women**

**Saturday, October 22, 2016 ~ 10 am – 3 pm**

**Grace Lutheran Church**

Choices, you make them every day in your lives. How do you handle the benefits or the consequences that come with your choices?

Discernment, how do you assess and evaluate God's will for you in your daily and/or future life?

Come and join us as we, through prayer, scripture, and personal time alone, sit with this and listen to what God has in plans for us.

Please bring your own lunch.

Please bring a Bible, a journal if you have one, any devotional material you may be using, or a Serenity coloring book for your quiet time. If you attended the "Pray Where You Are" retreat in May and have your folder and journal, please bring them. If you did not attend or no longer have them, they will be provided.

This is a day for you. Come and experience the journey!

"Making Choices – Discernment" will be led by June Scarborough. June is a Spiritual Director, certified through the Christian Spirituality Programs offered by the NWLM Synod. She is also a graduate of the "Equipping Leaders for Mission and Ministry" program (former Lay Ministry) of our Synod. Her ministries include individual Spiritual Direction, home or group Spiritual Retreats.

A registration sheet will be in the Narthex.

## **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**



**SCHOOL KITS** Join us during coffee hour on Sunday, October 2, to assemble the school kits. We will be doing these on the quilters' tables. We will be having a blessing of the kits during services the weekend of October 8-9. The kits will be sent out with the quilts.

The new project for the next 3 months will be **BABY CARE KITS**. Items needed are: cotton t-shirts (not onesies), long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet), receiving blankets (medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square), cloth diapers (flat fold preferred), diaper pins, jacket, sweater or sweatshirt or include a baby cap, socks, dark hand towels, two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap (no mini or hotel-sized bars). All items should be new or in good condition. Gently used, clean clothes (no tears or stains) can be substituted for new ones. There will be a pack and play by the door to put items into.

**BREAD WEEKEND** continues the 3rd weekend of each month. The September amount was \$150.00. This money is sent to ELCA World Hunger project.

**NOISY OFFERING** is collected the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of the month. Some of this money is used for the support of our World Vision sponsored child, Ishimwe.

## Second Cemetery Cleaning



Our second cemetery cleaning will be held October 9 on the east side, weather permitting. October 16 will be our rain date, if needed. If you are able to help, please sign the sheet located in the Narthex. **Please bring power washers if you have them.**

Phran Ludington, Thelma Stevens and Sandra Christopherson will begin taking pictures of the headstones October 3rd for Grace's Book of History.

## Serving Our Country

Wesley Garant

AB Garant, Wesley R.

331 TRS/SLT 733 (Dorm 3A2

1320 Truemper St. UNIT 369550

Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6408

**N - E - W**



**SCHEDULES**

New schedules for the 2016-2017 year have been completed and are posted on the scheduling board in the hallway by the fellowship hall. Paper copies are available to be

picked up and schedules are also posted on the website at [www.gracelutheran-alpena.org](http://www.gracelutheran-alpena.org)

## GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

**CHURCH OFFICE** ..... 354-2640  
 Rev. Tom Orth.....Home ..... 356-8729  
 .....Cell ..... 916-8759  
 Office Manager....Peggy Tomaszewski..... 255-8850  
 Music Director .....Berniece Lyon ..... 464-7064

### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President.....Tom Lappan..... 356-3718  
 Vice-President .....  
 Exec. Secretary ....Sandy Malaski..... 356-6248  
 Treasurer .....Dennis Werblow ..... 354-5560

### WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL

Education.....  
 Worship .....Sharon Engstrom ..... 354-5133  
 Discipleship .....Joelyn Rich ..... 340-0592  
 Property .....Jeff & Sandy Welch ..... 595-2195  
 Fellowship.....Jeanne Pankey ..... 354-2416  
 .....Pat Schultz ..... 356-2781  
 Finance.....Rick Engstrom..... 916-5963

### OTHER V.I.P.s

Stewardship... Wayne Christopherson .... 356-0430  
 Youth Director ..... Vicki Denstaedt ..... 916-9258  
 WELCA ..... Darleen Freel ..... 354-8866  
 ..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563  
 Samaritas ..... Kay Grove ..... 727-2054  
 Quilters ..... Caroline Weise ..... 354-8060  
 ..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563  
 LARCC ..... Eleanor Coddington..... 354-8766  
 ..... Kay Grove ..... 727-2054

# SEPTEMBER 2016

### Finances

GENERAL FUND.....\$ 13,374.00  
 BUILDING FUND..... 1273.33  
 CHRISTIAN GROWTH .....9.00  
 OTHER ..... 2,571.50  
 TOTAL.....\$ 17,227.83

### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) ..... 124  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) ..... 272  
 TOTAL..... 396

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## OCTOBER 2016

### ACOLYTES

02  
09  
16  
23  
30

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

02 MIKE URLAUB  
09 CHERYL WERBLOW  
16 CORINNE FRALEY  
23 SHARON ENGSTROM  
30 RUBY HASKE

### USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
DON FURZE  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON  
MATT, EVERETT & OLIVIA HASKE

### GREETERS

02 JEFF & CAREY SCHILLER FAMILY  
09 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
16 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
23 JACK & PATTI TUCKER  
30 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### COUNTERS

GARY & KAY GROVE

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT  
KAREN SLAGHT

### ALTAR GUILD

CINDY SUSZEK  
CHERYL WERBLOW

### FLOWERS

02 DULEBOHN  
09 GROVE  
16 FURZE  
23 SCHULTZ/FREEL  
30 LYON

### COFFEE HOUR

02 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
09 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS  
16 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART  
23 ELEANOR CODDINGTON,  
DAWN ANDERSON  
30 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

*PLEASE, please, please try to find a replacement or someone to switch with if you are unable to fulfill your Sunday scheduled duty AND share the change with Peggy. Thank you!*

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## NOVEMBER 2016

### ACOLYTES

06  
13  
20  
27

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

06 SANDY WELCH  
13 BEVERLY ATTWELL  
20 PATTI TUCKER  
27 ANNA LEWIS

### USHERS

WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS  
CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS  
MICK & KAY ZINSLI (Saturdays)

### GREETERS

06 DENNIS & CHERYL WERBLOW  
13 PHIL & PAM AGIUS FAMILY  
20 DUSTIN & ANGIE CRITTENDEN FAMILY  
27 BARB WERLE, ELLIE WALKER

### COUNTERS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOELYN RICH  
BEVERLY ATTWELL

### ALTAR GUILD

PHRAN LUDINGTON  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON

### FLOWERS

06  
13  
20  
27

### COFFEE HOUR

06 PAM KIRCHOFF, CHARLOTTE WERTH,  
JO ANN SMITH  
13 POLLY COOK, ELSA PHILLIPS,  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON  
20 JEFF & SANDY WELCH  
27 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

*PLEASE, please, please try to find a replacement or someone to switch with if you are unable to fulfill your Sunday scheduled duty AND share the change with Peggy. Thank you!*



# October

## Anniversaries of Baptism



**October 1**  
Timothy Barrow

**October 4**  
Madelyn Boyd

**October 7**  
Alexis Crittenden

**October 8**  
Ezrah Williams  
Myles Williams

**October 10**  
Wayne Christopherson

**October 11**  
Anne Wilson

**October 12**  
Kay Grove

**October 15**  
Matthew Anderson  
Molly O'Connor

**October 18**  
Caitlin Kieliszewski

**October 20**  
Jeanette Grove

**October 21**  
Thomas Bertrand  
Drew Gentry

**October 23**  
Joanne Nicholls

**October 27**  
Kelly Poirier  
Piper Slominski  
Emily Townsend

**October 29**  
Michael Pankey

**October 30**  
Angie Crittenden  
Marcie Law  
Connie Suszek



## Birthdays

**October 1**  
Timothy Barrow

**October 2**  
Jean Barrow  
Jim Berles  
Adam Kirchoff  
Alec Schaefer

**October 3**  
Ellie Walker

**October 5**  
Donald Weise

**October 6**  
Christopher Piontkowski

**October 7**  
Ken Amlotte  
Kristin Berles  
Richard Carlson  
Kimberly McCourt  
Michael Pankey

**October 9**  
Erin Graham

**October 10**  
Gary Grove  
Steve Lappan

**October 12**  
Michael Townsend

**October 13**  
David Dekett

**October 14**  
Tamar Furze

**October 15**  
Kody Bertrand

**October 18**  
Robert Hibner  
Brian Schiller  
James Timrick

**October 20**  
Erika Nicholls

**October 21**  
Jewel Lancaster

**October 22**  
Jessica Slominski

**October 23**  
Emma Nelson

**October 24**  
Christy Jordan  
James Townsend

**October 25**  
Staci Chroninger

**October 26**  
Dan VanEssen

**October 27**  
Clayton Lee

**October 28**  
Andrea Matzke

**October 29**  
Sandra Christopherson  
Caileigh Nitchman

**October 31**  
Sean Caparo  
Jessica Konarzewski  
Sandra Welch

## Wedding Anniversaries

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <i>1st Dawn &amp; Brett Anderson</i>   | <i>24th Dale &amp; Patricia Schultz</i>    |
| <i>3rd Matthew &amp; Ruby Haske</i>    | <i>25th Philip &amp; Lynn Kieliszewski</i> |
| <i>6th Joshua &amp; Tiffany LaFave</i> | <i>29th Alan &amp; Darlene Freely</i>      |
| <i>13th Jack &amp; Patti Tucker</i>    | <i>30th Charles &amp; Beverly Attwell</i>  |
| <i>17th Ronald &amp; Jo Ann Smith</i>  |  |



