

† **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY** †

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 26, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 27, 2019

**Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement**

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

**HYMNS**

**G-641**

**Psalm 19**

**D-R673**

**C-R496**

**S-R650**

All Are Welcome

(Psalms begin page 339)

God, Whose Almighty Word

One Bread, One Body

In Christ There Is No East or West

**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH**

Welcome to our guests and visitors who are with us today. We hope you feel at home in our midst and look forward to seeing you again. If you would like more information about Grace Lutheran, the pastor or ushers can help you. Please consider your presence to be your gift to us. No other is necessary or expected. Thank you for worshiping with us today.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Christian Education Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS**

Large print worship folders, including hymns and weekly bulletin are available. Please ask the ushers for one.

**PRAYERS**

Doug Chroninger, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Roger Schultz, Violet McLaren, Brian Gustafson, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, Mark Jackson, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Mimi, David Schaedig, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond. We also remember the family of Kevin Salesman, who passed away January 20th.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

For all our loved souls that have gone too soon - until we meet again.

Bruce Anschuetz and Family

**NOISY OFFERING**

Our January Noisy Offering will be going to Samaritas (formerly Lutheran Social Services of Michigan) to support their refugee resettlement program. We will also give our January Community Outreach dollars for that program too.

**ADDRESS FOR THOSE WISHING TO SEND A CARD**

Grant Anderson  
2067 Wyoming Ave. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49519

**DRIVEWAY FUND**

Church Council has set a goal of paying off the Driveway Fund Balance this year. A monthly goal of \$575 will pay off the remaining \$6900 by the end of the year. Contributions in any amount can use the regular offering envelope marking the amount on the Other Line, the special golden envelope in the bi-monthly packet or a pew envelope. Thanks for making this project possible for everyone's safety and convenience. We've already met January's goal - thank you - and we are on our way to meeting February's.

<b>GENERAL FUND GIVING</b>	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - January 19/20	3,950.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (248.00)
<b>DRIVEWAY FUND MONTHLY GIVING</b>	
Monthly Goal	\$ 575.00
January Giving to Date	815.00
Driveway Fund Balance	\$ (6,089.38)

**NURSERY AVAILABLE**

We have a nursery staffed by an adult available during our Sunday worship service time. If you have a child that worship is too long for or they need to move around or today is just a tough day for them, let the nursery attendant or ushers know and they will show you through the basement to our nursery space in the Fellowship Hall.

**2019 WOMEN'S GROUP "Sensible Shoes"**

*(Based on book by Sharon Garlough Brown )*

This group will be an additional opportunity and invitation for women (of all ages and even faith traditions) to come together and begin to take the next steps on a sacred journey with God. This story is a wonderful narrative weaving their lives together and introduces a new understanding of key spiritual practices. The book and study guide have been modified to stretch over a year – so we can take our time, offer support to one another as we travel deeper into a life with God.

**\*\*POSTPONED TO JANUARY 30TH\*\***

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m.**

**All Saints Parish  
St. Anne's Church**

**6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper**

**7:00 p.m. Service**

Once again we will gather together as brothers and sisters in Christ to work toward more understanding as we worship together for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2019 is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20).

Throughout 2019, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## EUCHRE TOURNAMENT/GAME NIGHT

Sunday, February 10

4:30 p.m. Potluck

5:30 p.m. Games Begin

Please see information and sign-up sheets on table in Office Narthex for more information.

### SERVING JANUARY 26-27

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... David Delano  
**Lector** ..... Sharon Engstrom  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt  
**Ushers**... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Mike & Donna Morgan, Vicki Piontkowski (Sat.)  
**Greeters** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Kay Zinsli, Kelli Liske  
**Counters** ..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Mike & Donna Morgan  
**Cookie/**  
**Doughnut Pick Up**..Wayne & Chris Christopherson

### SERVING FEBRUARY 2-3

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... David Delano  
**Lector** ..... Sandy Welch  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers** ..... Dale Schultz, Paul & Vicki Denstaedt, Phran Ludington, Sandra Christopherson (Sat.)  
**Greeters** ..... Steve & Janie Hansen  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Bethany Popour, Arlis St. Charles  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Cookie/**  
**Doughnut Pick Up** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

**Sunday - 27th**      **Noisy Offering Weekend**  
9:00 a.m.      Sunday School  
**9:30 a.m.**      **Worship**  
12:30 p.m.      Catechism - Grace

**Monday - 28th**  
6:00 p.m.      Women's Group  
Organizational Mtg. - Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

**Tuesday - 29th**  
9:00 a.m.      Quilting/Sewing  
6:00 p.m.      Choir Practice

**Wednesday - 30th**  
3-4:30 p.m.      Lounge Reserved  
6:00 p.m.      Soup Supper &  
**7:00 p.m.**      **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Worship at St. Anne's**

**Thursday - 31st**  
5:00 p.m.      Exploring Lutheranism  
Class - Lounge  
Sanctuary Reserved

**Saturday - 2nd**  
**5:00 p.m.**      **Worship**

### **FIRST READING**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is

holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

**PSALM 19** (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no

dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 4:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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