

‡ BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ‡

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 12, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 13, 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-R455**

**Psalm 29**

**D-R304**

**C-R396**

**S-R881**

Crashing Waters at Creation

(Psalms begin page 339)

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Spirit of Gentleness

Let All Things Now Living

**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 Quilting Ministry at Grace 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, Debbie Anderson, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Kevin Salesman, Laurie Foster, Kevin Reiser, 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, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God.

**2018 GIVING STATEMENTS**

2018 Giving Statements are now available to be picked up. They are located on the center table in the Office Narthex. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please contact the Church Office (354-2640).

### **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.

### **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES NOW AVAILABLE**

We have individual devices to help people hear the services more. Pick them up from the ushers in the Sound Room. There are headphones available. Or hearing aids with T Coil activated will be able to receive the sound directly from the devices you take to your seat.

### **THE LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

The Little Food Pantry is constructed and in front of the church. The purpose of this pantry is to help our neighbors that might need a little extra with food and personal needs. Our goal is to stock the pantry ourselves, initially, but hopefully the community will get engaged and contribute. If you have questions you can talk to Dawn Anderson or Phran Ludington. Once this project gets rolling it will be a snap. Thanks.

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - December 29/30	4,776.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 1,111.63

### **ALTAR GUILD TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED IN FEBRUARY**

We are in need of more help for our February Altar Guild Team. If you would be willing to serve in this area (training is available), please contact the Church Office (354-2640). Thanks!

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY ACTIVITIES**

January 21st will have events honoring the life and work of Rev. Dr. King. In the afternoon at 2:30 Matt Dunckel will have a discussion about *Race as a Social Construct* in BTC 126 at ACC. The Chili Supper happens again from 5 - 6:15 in the Lumberjack Shack to support the Wash Your Coat effort and the day concludes with a panel discussion in Granum Theatre on the Experience of Diversity in Alpena at 6:30.

Chilis, dessert cookies or bars and cornbread are needed for the supper. Please sign up in the Office Narthex if you are able to contribute.

*Thanks*

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

**Wednesday, January 23 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.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 13th**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. **Worship**  
12:30 p.m. Catechism - St. Paul

**Tuesday - 15th**

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing  
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. Council

**Wednesday - 16th**

1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Lounge  
3-4:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

**Thursday - 17th**

8 am - 2 pm Kitchen Reserved  
5:00 p.m. New Member Class:  
Exploring Lutheranism -  
Lounge  
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

**Saturday - 19th**

5:00 p.m. **Worship**

**SERVING JANUARY 12-13**

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

**SERVING JANUARY 19-20**

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

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

**PSALM 29**

(Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING****Acts 8:14-17**

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and

authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**GOSPEL****Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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